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'COMED FOUR' TRIAL

Could Michael Madigan be bought?

Jurors to weigh central question after hearing closing arguments

By Jason Meisner and Ray Long
Chicago Tribune

As lawyers on both sides of the "ComEd Four" case gear up for Monday's closing arguments, the difference between conviction and acquittal depends on the jury determining whether the utility's efforts to woo then-House Speaker Michael Madigan were legitimate lobbying or illegal bribes.

In the pantheon of Illinois public corruption cases, prosecutors have famously used the federal bribery statute to convict an ever-growing list of governors, aldermen and state legislators caught on the take.

The outcome in this trial, however, is far from certain.

Madigan, who turned 81 last week, did not become the longest-serving speaker in American history by openly and recklessly breaking the law.

His acolytes spent decades swearing — sometimes rather loudly on telephone calls, inside saloons and in Capitol hallways — that the speaker, who also led the state Democratic Party, was extraordinarily careful to stay within ethical and legal boundaries.

Even though Madigan is not on trial, lawyers for the ComEd Four defendants have tried fervently over the past six weeks to cast doubt in the minds of jurors by challenging the bedrock allegation built into the case that Madigan could be bought.

The stark contradiction to Madigan's carefully cultivated reputation as a political untouchable was seized upon by the defense as testimony came to a close last week, when attorney Patrick Cotter all but declared the government's allegations were preposterous.

"In all your years of experience,

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Democratic Party in Illinois continues its leftward, younger tilt, but leaders reflect on challenge of maintaining big-tent philosophy to include moderates

Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson, with state legislators behind him, talks to reporters Wednesday in Springfield. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Johnson's mayoral win solidifies progressives

By Rick Pearson and John Byrne
Chicago Tribune

Brandon Johnson's election as Chicago's next mayor represented a further leftward movement of the state's Democratic-led politics, fueled by generational and ideological changes that are stretching and sometimes straining the fabric of the party's big tent.

"In my view, the state of Illinois, led by Gov. (J.B.) Pritzker and this legislative body, has become the vanguard for progressive policy all over this country," Johnson told lawmakers Wednesday to resounding applause while making his first visit to Springfield as mayor-elect. "You've done it."

But Johnson's 4% victory over Paul Vallas to become the city's 57th mayor, laid bare some fundamental splits within the state's Democratic Party that go deeper than just Chicago's most recent mayoral contest.

Vallas billed himself as a "lifelong Democrat" despite ties to right-wing activists, the conservative Chicago Fraternal Order of Police, and his declaration in 2009 that he considered himself "more of a Republican than a Democrat" and was "fundamentally opposed to abortion."

In the end, Johnson succeeded in raising questions in voters' minds about Vallas' Democratic bona fides. Still, several older Democrats in the party establishment who are considered more moderate endorsed Vallas. They included former Secretary of State Jesse White and Dick Durbin, the No. 2 ranking Democrat in the U.S. Senate. Durbin served with Vallas in Springfield more than 40 years ago in the office of the late Democratic Senate President Philip J. Rock of Oak Park.

Christopher Mooney, a professor emeritus of political science at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said the Democratic leaders who backed Vallas look out of step with the way the party is headed.

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The Bulls' Andre Drummond signs Barrett Fichter's basketball at the United Center on April 9. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/TRIBUNE**

'I felt myself crying for help. But I didn't know how to ask for it.'

Therapy helped Bulls' Drummond regain his peace — and purpose

By Julia Poe | Chicago Tribune

Eight minutes. It wasn't enough time.

Andre Drummond knew it. The rest of the Chicago Bulls lineup already had assembled on the court against the Clippers on March 27 in Los Angeles. Only eight minutes remained before the starter would be introduced, eight minutes before Drummond needed to take his place on the bench beside his teammates.

But Drummond was headed in the opposite direction, deeper into the arena, searching for the only name that made sense in that moment: Dr. Wendy Borlabi, the team's director of performance and mental health.

He stood in front of her, searching for the words to describe all that had been clogging his mind for days, months, maybe years.

Eight minutes. It wasn't even close to enough time to say everything he was thinking and feeling. But Drummond knew it was enough time to start.

"I don't know what I'm going to say to you," Drummond told Borlabi. "But I just need to

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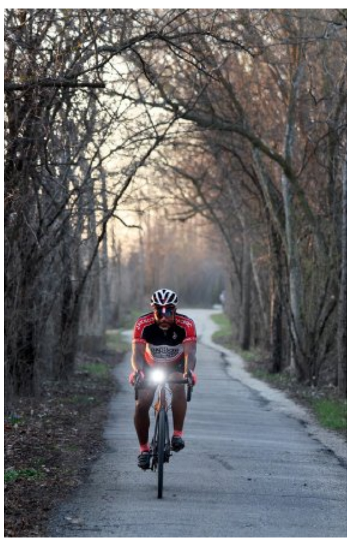

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Bicycle paths carved from railroad tracks wind their way through the United States, and the Chicago area is teeming with them — from the Green Bay Trail to The 606 and the Great American Rail Trail.

'Activism work is care work': Four female artists mount a Chicago exhibit titled "How On Earth." Their work is about the viscerality of impending climate change, they say.

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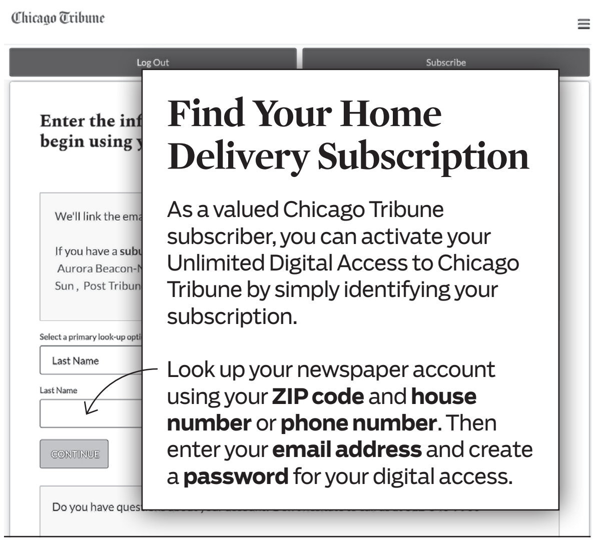

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Rich Guidice sits during an interview with the Chicago Tribune on Friday. Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson has selected City Hall veteran Guidice to be his chief of staff. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Johnson's top two recruits bring different perspectives to City Hall

Incoming chief of staff, deputy say it's 'good balance'

By Alice Yin and Gregory Pratt
Chicago Tribune

The two top staff members of Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson's administration are a pragmatic City Hall veteran and a progressive-minded state legislator, a dynamic they say will be a strength in executing their boss's bold agenda.

In an interview with the Tribune on Friday, incoming chief of staff Richard Guidice and deputy chief of staff Cristina Pacione-Zayas acknowledged they make an unlikely leadership team, given Guidice's history with former Mayor Richard M. Daley's administration and his more recent job as head of the city's Office of Emergency Management and Communications, and Pacione-Zayas' background as a relatively new state senator with a heavy focus on policy.

Guidice said their differences make for "a good balance" that sets the stage for how they will build their working relationship, though how their exact roles have yet to be fully defined. Pacione-Zayas concurred, saying, "We'll definitely be leaning on each other to complement the skills that we bring to work."

The two agreed that public safety is the administration's top priority, though differences in their approach became clear when discussing how to tackle an issue that dominated much of the mayoral race between Johnson and Paul Vallas.

"Public safety is something that we have to continue to work to increase people's confidence in not only coming downtown, but throughout all of our neighborhoods, throughout the city, so public safety is circled for attention, certainly," Guidice said.

While listing safety as "one of our most urgent, pressing concerns," Pacione-Zayas stressed the holistic approach on fighting crime that Johnson touted on the campaign trail.

"We're going to have to do the deep work on the root causes and, of course, the mayor-elect has always spoken about investing in people, particularly in the area around employment," Pacione-Zayas said. "So we're going to have to build out that kind of work to have a robust and systemic approach to how we address some of the root causes."

Johnson's victory was seen as proof that his message of moving away from traditional policing methods resonated with many Chicago voters. But his approach also was a cause of concern for leaders in the political establishment and business community, who feared a progressive shake-up in City Hall was the wrong direction after a trying pandemic and an increase in violent crime.

State Sen. Cristina Pacione-Zayas appears at an interview with the Chicago Tribune on Friday. Pacione-Zayas will be deputy chief of staff.

News of Guidice's appointment reassured many that Johnson's City Hall will make use of the institutional knowledge of previous administrations.

One potential difference between Guidice and Johnson on the subject of policing has already emerged — over restoring public access to live police scanner transmissions. Under Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Guidice at OEMC, the city moved to encrypt all scanners to keep the public from listening in real time, instead releasing communications on a time delay.

Members of the public and media have said the move has the potential to jeopardize public safety while also reducing transparency around critical incidents. During the campaign, Johnson joined other mayoral challengers in vowing to restore real-time access to the scanners for media.

"I was in favor and am in favor of encrypted radios," Guidice said. "I think it's an officer safety issue."

Guidice added that he has not yet discussed the issue with the mayor-elect, who will have the final say.

"I will engage with conversation with the mayor on it and hear his perspective on it," Guidice said. "And certainly, he is our chief policymaker. So I look forward to those conversations with him, and I also look forward to letting him know my personal perspective on it as well."

Pacione-Zayas said the mayor's team must learn to navigate its way toward achieving consensus.

"We may not be able to agree on everything, but we do have to come to some kind of common ground, build some consensus," she said. "Because at the core, one of the things that is incredibly important that drives us is we love Chicago, and we want Chicago to succeed."

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> *— Cristina Pacione-Zayas , incoming deputy chief of staff*

At the same time, Pacione-Zayas earlier in the week commended Johnson for standing firm on his convictions since winning the race, despite pressure from critics to move to the center.

Following the mayor-elect's Wednesday visit to the Illinois Capitol, where he floated a host of progressive priorities in Springfield, Pacione-Zayas told the Tribune: "One thing I think we'll learn about the mayor-elect is that it's 'you see what you get,' right? And it's not anything hidden. It's nothing different than what he's been saying all along."

Guidice has worked under three mayors: Daley, Rahm Emanuel and Lightfoot. He said all of them, including his new boss, Johnson, brought "good ideas" to the table. But not all of their initiatives could be tackled on day one, if at all.

"Each one of those mayors and administrations have come in with good ideas. A lot of good ideas, a lot of good programs," Guidice said. "We're going to take a look at all of them and see which ones we think should be continued, and which ones should be pivoted and put into a different direction."

As for his most valuable assets, Guidice singled out his experience presiding over large, sometimes-hectic events and emergencies as executive director of OEMC. He said he brings with him lessons learned on building relationships both inside and outside City Hall to ensure that annual traditions such as Lollapalooza, as well as one-time events like the 2024 Democratic National Convention, are successes.

"Those are all big events, and certainly the city is looking forward to those," Guidice said. "We're looking forward to shining the spotlight once again on the city of Chicago and in a positive manner. So we're certainly up for those opportunities."

Pacione-Zayas, whose work in the state Senate centered on education and early childhood development, said her path to politics will inform her upcoming work.

"I come from a lineage of social workers, and obviously my background is education," she said. "It's a team sport. This is a game of addition and multiplication."

What was their motivation for signing onto what figure to be a challenging four years under a new mayor? Guidice looked back at his long-standing ties in city government, while Pacione-Zayas spoke about re-imagining Chicago's future.

Guidice had announced his retirement from OEMC shortly after the April 4 election, but he said now that he just can't picture relaxing at this juncture.

"I've worked for the city for 33 and a half years, and along the way I've met so many great, wonderful people … who really have inspired me along the way to do a good job and to continue to work hard, and walking away from that was very difficult," he said.

Pacione-Zayas took her seat in the state Senate in December 2020 as a special appointee following then-Sen. Iris Martinez's successful bid to become the Cook County Circuit Court clerk. She was elected to a full term last November, but was persuaded to leave because she wanted to work under a mayor who, as a former teacher and Chicago Teachers Union organizer, was on the "front lines" of the city's most important issues, she said.

"This is one of those once-in-a-generational opportunities to work with a mayor who has this kind of unique skill set," she said. "We have a really unique opportunity to change the trajectory of the city."

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Youth crowds to factor into top cop search

Commission sifting through candidates for superintendent

By Sam Charles
Chicago Tribune

Anthony Driver Jr., left, and Remel Terry of the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability listen during a public meeting on qualifications for a new Chicago police superintendent at St. Sabina Catholic Church in Chicago on Wednesday.

The Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability, now holding public forums to gather input on helping Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson select a new Chicago police superintendent, will consider ideas for managing large gatherings of youths downtown as it sifts through prospective replacements for the department's boss.

Anthony Driver Jr., president of the commission, said Thursday that strategies for crowd control, as well as "how to deal with youth and youth incidents," are among the commission's search criteria going forward as the group prepares to hand the incoming mayor a shortlist of names.

"There's a number of issues that we face in our city and, (with) each of them, we plan on asking superintendent candidates how they would handle the situation," Driver said. And that includes, he said, the type of chaos seen in the Loop last weekend, which police struggled to handle.

Driver noted that large-scale gatherings of young people in the downtown area are "not a new issue."

Still, handling such impromptu crowds of young people moved quickly up the list of issues on the minds of many who spoke to the commission last week at its latest public hearing. Teens and young adults were captured in viral videos blocking traffic, attacking passersby and jumping on a CTA bus in the heart of Chicago's tourist district, again putting an unwanted national spotlight on city crime.

More than 150 South Side residents and community stakeholders gathered Wednesday at St. Sabina Catholic Church in Auburn Gresham to give feedback on the ongoing search for the next superintendent.

The meeting, organized by the commission, came just a day after outgoing Mayor Lori Lightfoot questioned CPD leaders about the department's tactical response to the chaotic gathering of young people. Two teen boys were shot near Millennium Park on Saturday, April 15 — 11 months after another teen was shot and killed there.

Throughout the two hours of public comment, several speakers made reference to the events that unfolded April 15 in the center of the city.

"Parents need to be charged and penalized for their children's behavior," one speaker, Flora Williams, said to applause. "Until we do that, nothing is going to change."

Once sworn in, Johnson can select his nomination for the next superintendent from the three submitted finalists, or he can instruct the commission to start the process over. Whoever is selected will then need approval from the full City Council.

Johnson, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul and several current and former police officials have all said they would prefer the next superintendent to come from within the Police Department. Driver has said candidates from inside and outside CPD all will be subject to the same scrutiny.

Anthony Bryant listens as the commission holds its meeting Wednesday.
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The group has until mid-July to submit three names to Johnson, who takes office in mid-May. He can choose one or reject all three, kicking off the search process anew.

Johnson told the Tribune earlier this month that he wanted input from an array of stakeholders on his choice for superintendent.

"I want to make sure that law enforcement, of course, is at the table, the faith community, the business community, and people impacted by violence," he said, "so that there could be some real discussion of who can help lead and put together a public safety plan with the community that we can actually get behind."

Johnson issued a statement about last weekend's chaos, calling it unacceptable and also saying it is not constructive to "demonize" young people. During his visit to Springfield last week the incoming mayor said there were two aspects to what he said and that it was not contradictory.

"Of course we don't condone that behavior. That's the first thing I said," Johnson told reporters, before bringing up the environment of his home neighborhood to emphasize a message of public safety.

Johnson asked if anyone had "more incentive for a safer Chicago" than someone raising a family in Austin, the large West Side community area where he lives, which has been generationally afflicted by violent crime. The mayor-elect went on to tell reporters that the interpretation of his statement as a mixed message was giving residents a "false choice."

"You can make sure that we eradicate the root causes that lead to violence, and we also can make sure that there's support on the front line to make sure that we're preventing violence," he said. "It's a false choice."

Fred Waller, who retired as the department's Chief of Patrol in 2020, oversaw many of the CPD's responses to protest marches in the downtown area, which were a frequent occurrence after the release of the Laquan McDonald shooting video in 2015.

Organizers of planned marches and protests would tell CPD what route they planned to take, which allowed the police to plan accordingly, Waller said. With "teen takeover" events, though, there is no leadership structure with whom CPD could consult.

"The ones that are 'pop-up' kind of protests or just kids running wild, so to speak, there's no real person that you can talk to," Waller said. "They're just all over the place."

"They just don't have a straight direction or a straight route that they want to go to, and it makes it a lot harder because now all your resources with the police department get scattered and you're all over the place with your resources," Waller added. "You can't really galvanize your resources as well as you would like to."

At St. Sabina, more than 40 people stepped to the microphone to offer suggestions and critiques on a range of issues facing the Chicago Police Department and its rank and file, including officer burnout, disrespectful treatment of civilians and the murder clearance rate.

Marion Thomas told the commission that, as a child, he met CPD officers at his school whom he felt he could look up to. Now, Thomas said, "I look at officers as soldiers."

"Officers don't know the Black youth at all," said Thomas, who is 25. "They sit there and just arrest us for guns and drugs and they really don't know us, they just attack us."

Other speakers urged the commission to nominate candidates who are committed to working with neighborhood community groups and anti-violence organizations.

"You have to have a police superintendent who's willing to work with these community organizations and give them the power they deserve," said Darryl Smith, president of the Englewood Political Task Force. "You cannot police from a book — you have to talk to the people that are out here every day, dealing with this every day."

The application process opened April 7, and prospective applicants have until May 7 to submit their materials for consideration.

Leaders of the commission have vowed to keep the evaluation and selection process as public as possible. The first meeting was held recently in Austin, where more than a dozen residents voiced support for retired CPD Chief Ernest Cato III.

Cato was a finalist for the superintendent job in 2020, though Lightfoot ultimately selected David Brown, the former chief of police in Dallas. Cato abruptly retired in late 2022 after three decades with the department. Reached by phone last week, Cato declined to comment on his future job plans and the support he enjoys on the West Side.

Several more speakers endorsed Cato on Wednesday, but other potential candidates also garnered support, including CPD Chief Larry Snelling, Deputy Chief Rahman Muhammad and Cmdr. Roderick Watson.

Nino Brown, a former elementary school teacher, told the commission members that the leader of the CPD should be dedicated to violence-prevention efforts.

"What we need is a superintendent who can hold police accountable but also work themselves out of a job, right?" Brown said. "There's a thousand and one things that happened before violence takes place and we need a superintendent that is invested in violence intervention, violence prevention."

Thursday, the Police Department announced the May 15 retirement of interim Superintendent Eric Carter, who assumed leadership of the department after Brown resigned last month.

The commission has another public meeting, to be held over Zoom, scheduled for Tuesday. The next in-person meeting is set for May 4 at Roosevelt High School in the Albany Park neighborhood on the Northwest Side. Commission leaders have said that more meetings could also be scheduled in other parts of the city.

A flyer advertising another "teen takeover" at Millennium Park on Saturday circulated on social media in recent days. Another speaker at St. Sabina, Matt Brandon, told the members of the commission that he and dozens of other men from South Shore were planning to go downtown to meet with youths who may be looking to start trouble.

"Whoever our police superintendent is can only be as strong as the community that stands behind them," Brandon said to another round of applause.

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Vote to rescind campaign donation rules delayed

By Suzanne Baker
Naperville Sun

Discussion of Naperville's campaign finance reform ordinance was tabled until fall so staff can research best practices and the new council being seated in May can have a workshop on the subject.

The Naperville City Council was scheduled to vote Tuesday on a request by Mayor Steve Chirico to rescind the ordinance that includes a requirement for council members to publicly disclose campaign donations of $750 or more when voting on a topic in which the donor has an interest.

Rather than tossing the entire ordinance or tabling it indefinitely, Councilwoman Jennifer Bruzan Taylor suggested the council hold off any vote until Oct. 17.

"I don't want this unintentionally forgotten about," Taylor said.

The move will give staff ample time to study what other communities have done so the council can hold a workshop in September where additional wording or changes can be considered, she said. The council voted 7-2 on Taylor's suggestion, with Patrick Kelly and Theresa Sullivan in dissent.

Kelly said he'd prefer to table the discussion indefinitely and let the new council decide when it wants to take up the issue.

Chirico called for rescinding the ordinance last month, saying its goal of making the process more transparent and removing big money from municipal races have done the opposite. Outside monetary influences are affecting local elections because some smaller, local donors are shying away from giving to avoid having their contributions disclosed publicly during votes.

His thought was to eliminate the flawed ordinance and have the new council craft something better, he said.

After going through the recent mayoral election, Councilman Benny White said he would entertain a higher threshold for disclosing contributions because $750 seems low.

The dynamics of financing a campaign has changed in the last four years and so much more money is needed, he said.

"It's probably worth some discussion to figure out how to make it better. … I think we have an opportunity to make this thing do what it was intended to do from a transparency standpoint," White said.

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"I think it's not a good look for a lot of those folks," Mooney said. "The progressives are in ascendancy in the state. You've got the governor and now the new mayor — two poles of political power in a state who are both proudly progressive."

"The Democratic Party has always been a pretty broad base. Republicans ... especially in Illinois today (are) very narrow. They have sort of an exclusionary interest — if you're not for this, you're out, or you're a RINO (Republican in Name Only), you're not a real Republican," Mooney said. "Who knows if the progressives go that way too."

The potential for increased friction between moderates and progressives threatening the party's future has grown to the point that a special committee was formed by Cook County Democrats to determine what it means to be a Democrat in today's political climate.

"What I started to see was there are Democrats that are confused," said Northwest Side Ald. Gilbert Villegas, 36th, a member of the Cook County Democratic Central Committee, who is chairing the committee. "Your regular Democrats are confused as to what are the principles around being a Democrat, and how the Democratic Party is being influenced by some portions of the left."

Villegas just won reelection to the City Council against a progressive challenger backed by the Chicago Teachers Union after last year losing a Democratic congressional primary to Delia Ramirez, a product of the progressive United Working Families organization whose candidacy was backed by U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont.

"My task was to figure out, the Democratic Party is a big tent. What are core pillars that we can identify with that would allow people who want to be a part of the Democratic Party to say, 'You know what? Although I don't agree with everything within the new Democratic Party, what are those core pillars that make me a Democrat?'" Villegas said.

"So whether it's making sure that we're providing for working families, paying livable wages, a woman's right to choose, affordable housing, what are some of the core things that, as Democrats, when a candidate from the Democratic Party speaks, is going to touch on those core pillars to say 'Yeah, I'm a Democrat. But obviously I'm either more of a moderate Democrat or more of a left Democrat.' So that way they get more of a sense of where they're at within the big tent of the Democratic Party," he said.

Ald. Gilbert Villegas greets people during a campaign event at Playas Nayaritas in Belmont Cragin on Jan. 8. Villegas just won reelection against a progressive challenger backed by the Chicago Teachers Union. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker helps to celebrate the selection of Chicago as the host of the 2024 Democratic National Convention on April 12. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

MARTY MOYLAN

State Rep. Marty Moylan, left, speaks at a campaign stop with Pritzker at the Sugar Bowl restaurant in Des Plaines on Oct. 31. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Pritzker, with the emergence of power of the legislature's Black Caucus, has set out the template for the party's progressive pillars — organized labor rights, abortion rights, LGBTQ rights, criminal justice reforms, including cashless bail for nonviolent crimes, and banning so-called assault weapons.

"The governor is leading by example. I mean, the guy is advocating very, very strongly and very, very emphatically, very, very nationally. Especially on abortion and guns. That's right down Main Street for progressives," Mooney said.

Pritzker acknowledged that Johnson represents "a new generation politician," despite his age of 47, by bringing both younger voters and voters of color to the polls — important parts of what Pritzker calls "the Democratic coalition."

The two-term governor said "older voters show up in large numbers and they're very important" to party fortunes but "things are evolving" toward younger voters.

"The Democratic Party is much more resolute about the issues that we stand up and fight for," Pritzker said. "That resoluteness certainly defines the younger generation, and I admire that."

One veteran Democratic campaign strategist, who asked not to be identified due to his links with current politicians, said generational change is morphing with a progressive ideology, in part due to greater educational opportunity — and social media and digital technology.

"The Black community, in particular, has a larger number of people who are college educated and moving into a gravitational pull of politics that makes them more progressive and more activist," the strategist said. "Older voters, they're not looking for revolutions. They're just looking for things to be improved. They don't believe the whole system needs to completely change over because when you're older, you're more of an incrementalist."

As for moderate older Democrats, the strategist said, "The center never holds. It just adapts and that new generation takes over. They start paying taxes and try to change things and run into failures and then they get more incremental in the amount of change that they think the system can handle. Then the cycle repeats itself."

In Springfield, members of the Democratic supermajorities have created a moderate caucus along with its progressive caucus — a recognition of the factional ideologies in the House and Senate.

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> *— Ald. Gilbert Villegas, 36th, a member of the Cook County Democratic Central Committee*

Those differences were readily apparent in the passage of the controversial Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today Act, known as the SAFE-T Act, dealing with criminal justice and policing as well as cashless bail. Due to the overwhelming number of Democrats, some moderates representing a more conservative, less progressive ideology were able to vote against it without their votes needed for passage.

Moderate caucus leaders said it is paramount to represent the ideology of their districts, which brings geography in play. Democrats have seen their numbers reduced downstate, while increasing in the once traditional Republican suburbs and exurbs.

"They have their issues, we have our issues. You've got to work together and get a consensus," state Rep. Marty Moylan of Des Plaines, a moderate House Democrat, said of his progressive colleagues.

"You know, sometimes their issues don't agree with ours and then we'll discuss it and try and come up with some kind of conclusion," Moylan said. "(We're) not going to agree on everything. But that doesn't mean that we're not Democrats."

One major reason Democrats have not fractured so far is the political alternative — Republicans.

People, particularly in the suburbs, who might have once considered themselves moderate Republicans on social issues no longer fit into the narrow cast of what the GOP calls itself now, Mooney said.

And Pritzker said Republicans "have painted themselves into a terrible corner" on social issues.

"We are the party of reproductive rights. There's nowhere else to go," he said. "If you are a believer that women's rights need to be protected, you are a Democrat and should vote for Democrats. If you're a believer in public safety and protecting our children from being victims of mass shootings at schools, then you are a Democrat and should vote for Democrats."

Chicago Tribune's Jeremy Gorner contributed from Springfield.

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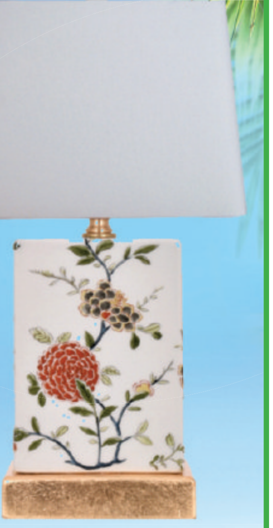

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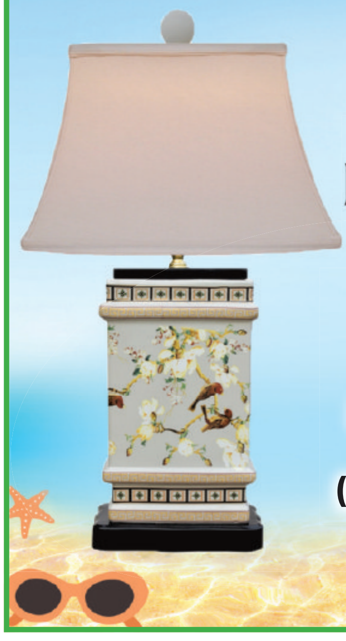

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Pastors, police fill downtown after teen violence

By Jake Sheridan
Chicago Tribune

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Faith leaders and others march through downtown Chicago on Saturday. The group was marching in response to youth violence that occurred last weekend. The group is hoping for an end to the violence and mayhem and for job opportunities and safe spaces for youth to gather. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

One week after violence erupted amid large teen gatherings in downtown Chicago, a coalition of pastors marched down Michigan Avenue on Saturday night in an effort to show support and responsibility for young Chicagoans.

Several hundred people, nearly all Black men, joined the 6 p.m. march organized by Charlie Dates, senior pastor of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago and Progressive Baptist Church.

"Black men doing the work," they chanted as they paced from the intersection of Roosevelt Road and Michigan Avenue to the Chicago River.

The men filled two sidewalk blocks as they moved along Grant Park, stopping to pray as they weathered a cold, wintry mix.

"This is our city," Dates said as he spoke at Grant Park's Ida B. Wells Drive entrance.

"These are our children. We care about them,"

The pastors have jobs and other resources to offer young people, he added.

Speaking at the march's conclusion on Upper Wacker Drive, Dates told the men they weren't marching against Chicago's youth but to show young people the faith community wants to support them.

"We're here tonight to say that we will walk in the rain for our kids," he said. "We'll push through the hail."

Interim Chicago police Superintendent Eric Carter and CPD community policing director Glen Brooks marched alongside the crowd. Several hecklers goaded the preachers as they walked, arguing they weren't active in the community and didn't address structural inequalities harming Black Americans.

Brace Clement, 44, said he joined the march to push back against stereotypes about Black men not caring about their communities and Chicago being irredeemably violent.

"We still believe in the power of the city, the power of the community, the power of being a Black man," said the West Humboldt resident and father of a 5-year-old.

"I think that's important for our children to see."

The march sought to show young people that the men are willing to show up for them, Minister Thomas Stovall said.

"The continued effort of going outside of the church, outside of our homes, bringing resources and meeting our youth where they are, that's how we continue to do it," he said.

There were no large groups of teens and no apparent disturbances in the area at 7 p.m.

Dozens of police cruisers lined the road near the parks, and dozens of officers followed alongside the marchers on foot and bike.

Their work will continue as they connect resources like jobs and summer programs to kids who want it, Dates told the Tribune after the Saturday event.

Dates understands the fears of some after last weekend's chaos, he said, but added that it was only a small fraction of the young people in Chicago, what he called "the greatest city in the world."

"We got to believe," Dates said.

At around the same spot last Saturday, chaos broke out as hundreds of young people gathered together, one night after a similar unruly gathering at 31st Street Beach last Friday.

During last weekend's mayhem some young people blocked traffic, jumped onto a CTA bus and attacked passersby during the mayhem, and two teen boys were shot as they stood in the crowd.

The disorder led to at least 16 arrests and sparked concern from local leaders and activists while garnering national attention.

But police reported that no notable teen gatherings or associated crimes occurred downtown Friday night. Dozens of police cars were scattered throughout the Loop and hundreds of tourists milled around the busy shopping, dining and theater district.

At Millennium Park, guards checked identification to make sure no one under 18 entered alone during the evening.

Families and friends stopped for reflective photos at Chicago's iconic "Bean" statue late in the evening.

Robert Miller, 29, visiting from Puerto Rico, said he had seen a viral video from the mayhem last weekend of a young woman and man being apparently randomly attacked by a large group of teens.

People had told him the city was dangerous, he said.

Miller called the attack "unacceptable" but didn't feel unsafe was as he walked alone through Millennium Park and peered at the city's skyline.

"It looks to be really safe, really beautiful," Miller said. "It's the perfect night, to be honest."

A Tribune reporter saw police apprehend a group of three apparently young teens who had moments before been running down a sidewalk shortly after 9 p.m. on Friday. The officers brought the teens inside the lobby of a nearby TJ Maxx store near State Street and Madison Street and handcuffed them.

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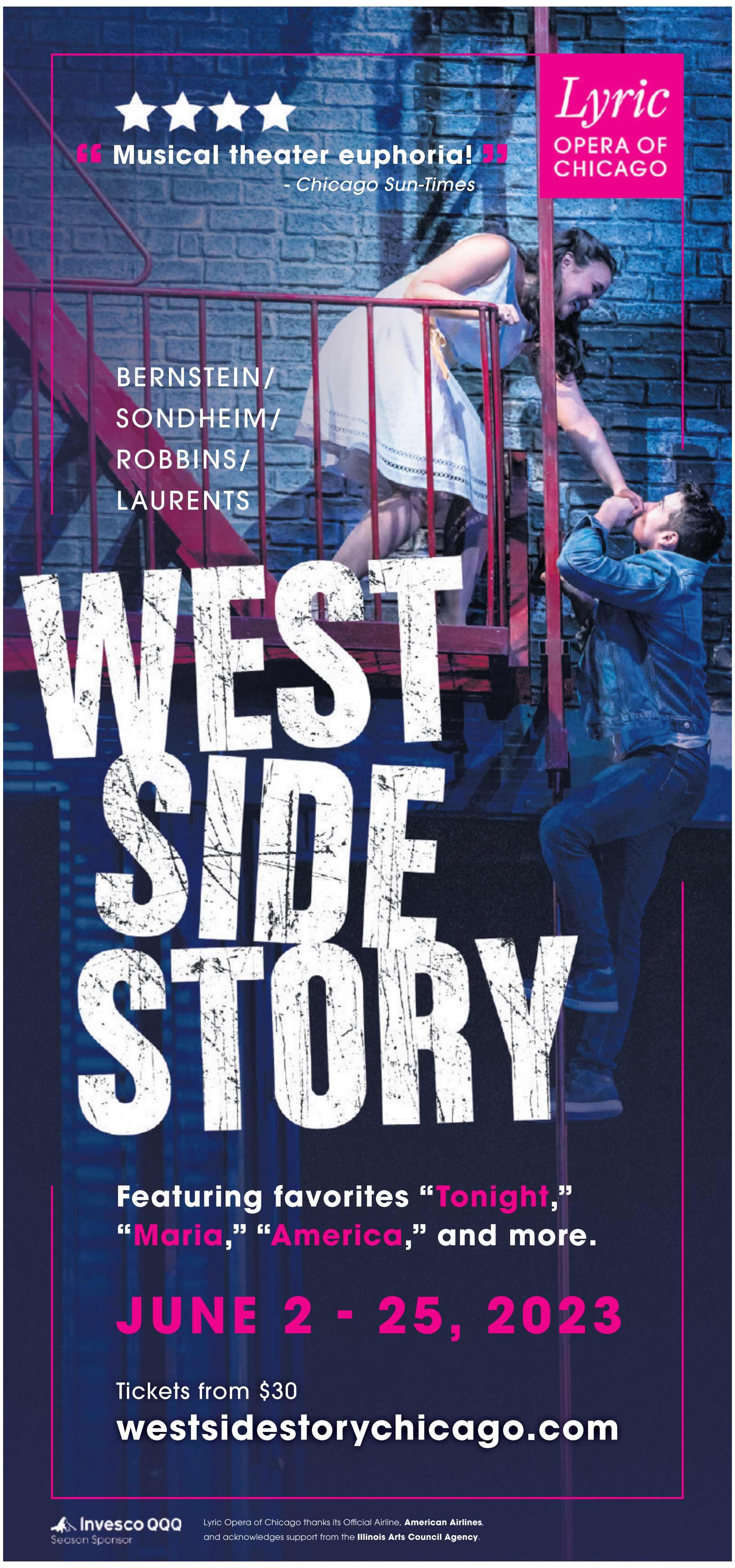
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Aurora City Council to vote on ’23 road resurfacing plan

$9.5 million project includes more than 43 miles of streets

By Steve Lord
Beacon-News

The Aurora City Council is set to vote on about a $9.5 million road resurfacing plan for 2023.

Aldermen will vote at next week’s regular council meeting on the contract to Geneva Construction Co., of Aurora, which was the only qualified bidder for the 2023 program. Because aldermen put the contract on the consent agenda, it is likely to pass.

The contract includes resurfacing of more than 43 miles of streets throughout the city. That compares to almost 36 miles done in 2021, and a program for more than 40 miles in 2022. The 2022 program still is going on because there was an operator’s strike during the year that delayed some of the work.

Overall, the city maintains about 1,300 lane miles, and those streets have pavement with a wearing surface life expectancy of 20 to 25 years. The $9.5 million contract is about 1.05% lower than the engineering estimate for the work.

The contract would be paid for by a combination of motor fuel tax funds from the state, local motor fuel funds collected separately by the city of Aurora, some federal Community Development Block Grant funding, and some money from the city’s capital projects funds.

Because there is federal funding in the mix, the city’s local preference ordinance did not apply to the contract.

The actual amount of the city program was to be about $9.35 million, but another $115,000 was added to the work for the 9th Ward, to be paid for by 9th Ward funds. That money will do some work on streets that were not in the program at first.

In combination with approving the contract, the council also would appropriate $3.8 million from the state motor fuel tax fund to put toward the program. Another $2 million will come from the city’s own motor fuel tax charged on gas purchased in Aurora.

The city has the $2 million in the local fund. The city estimates it will collect another $1.7 million from the local fuel tax this year, officials said.

The 2023 money proposed to be spent in the resurfacing program by ward is: $980,650 in the 1st Ward; $751,300 in the 2nd Ward; $438,400 in the 3rd Ward; $593,500 in the 4th Ward; $912,700 in the 5th Ward; $741,700 in the 6th Ward; $629,000 in the 7th Ward; $864,500 in the 8th Ward; $1.1 million in the 9th Ward; and $988,175 in the 10th Ward.

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Aurora Fire Department planning expansion

By Megan Jones
Beacon-News

The Aurora Fire Department is dealing with a record number of calls for service as officials work on expansion plans to help the district deal with the extra workload.

Aurora Fire Department Battalion Chief Jim Rhodes said he spent an hour and a half driving around the city recently, looking at all the new development coming in, from new apartment complexes to businesses, and imagining the impact when Hollywood Casino moves from downtown Aurora to a site near Interstate 88 in the city.

It left him with a big question: How does the fire department deal with this growth, and the resulting increase in calls for service?

By 2025, the department is looking to add a new fire station, an engine company, two new medic units and 52 staff members. Officials were already planning a new station on the northeast side but the planned move of the casino to that part of the city solidified that need, Aurora Fire Chief David McCabe said.

In 2022, the department saw the highest number of calls for service in its history with 21,881 calls. The department has seen nearly a 14% increase in calls over the past five years, officials said.

The department’s new 10th station is planned for a site directly behind the Chicago Premium Outlets mall at Bilter Road and Nan Street. Ground is expected to be broken this summer for the project, with the station opening next year.

In addition, the department plans to relocate Station 4 and Station 9 to provide better coverage for the north and northeast sections of the city, McCabe said.

Station 4 will be relocated to the east of the Aurora Police Department on Indian Trail and will become the fire department’s administrative headquarters. The current station at 800 Michels Ave. is at the end of its life and can no longer fit most engines, officials said.

Station 9 will move from 2339 Diehl Road to a new location on Eola Road at a location to be determined between Liberty Street and North Aurora Road, according to officials.

The department is aiming to break ground at the new sites for Station 4 and Station 9 in 2024.

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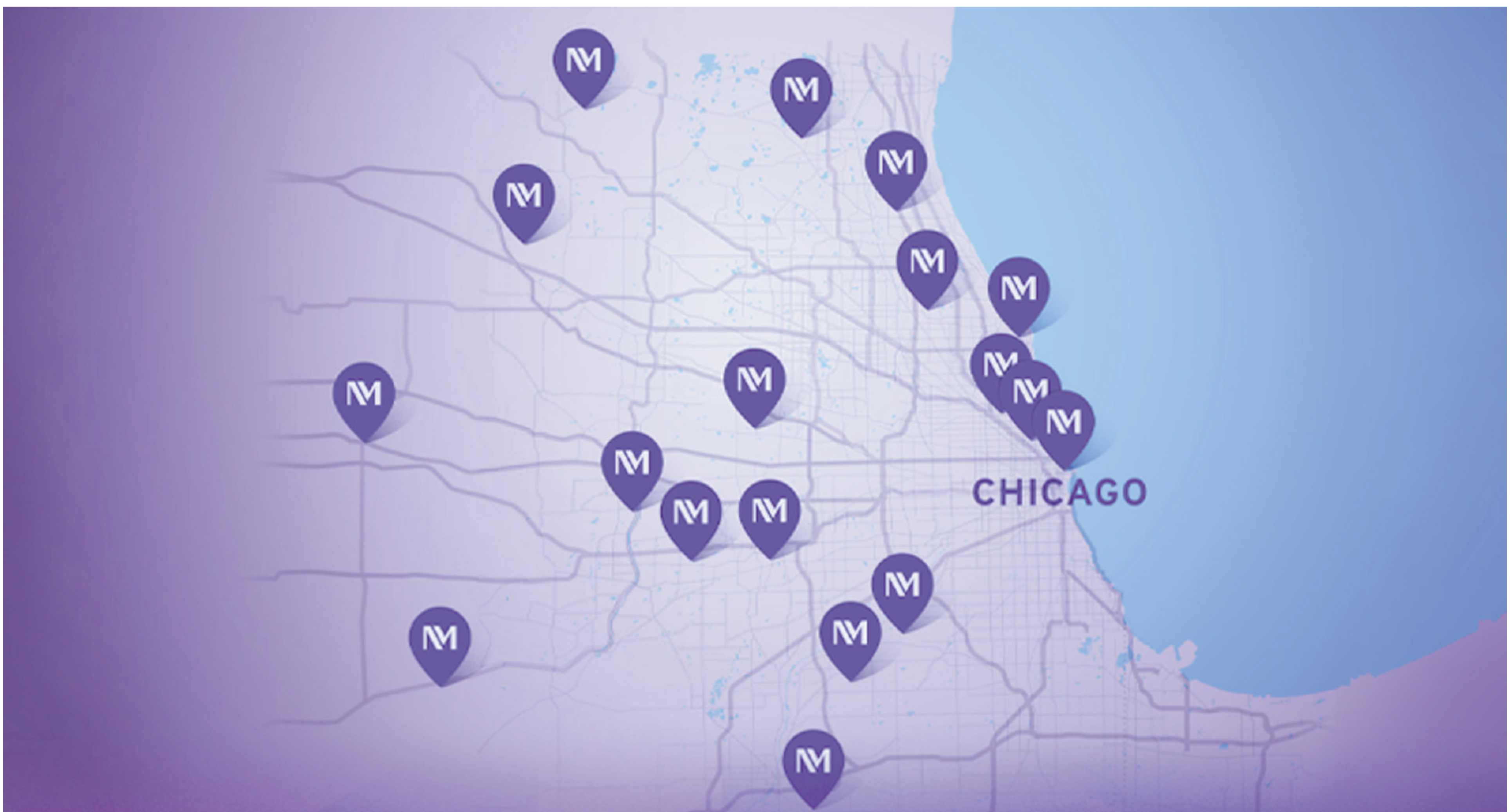

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Drummond

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Bulls forward DeMar DeRozan, right, speaks with center Andre Drummond on the bench during the second quarter of a game against the Pistons at the United Center on April 9. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

say something."

Two nights before, Drummond was sprawled on his back in a hotel bed in Los Angeles, trapped in a spiral, the same thought stuck on repeat: "I've got to get a f——— grip on my life. I've got to get help. I've got to talk to someone."

Drummond wrote each thought down and made himself stare at his words. But it still wasn't enough. He couldn't force himself to talk to anyone — not friends, not teammates, not family.

Instead, he willed himself to sleep, awoke in a daze, went through the motions of the next day's matchup against the Lakers. It was a decent game: He logged 12 points and eight rebounds in 18 minutes of a dominant Bulls win. But none of it felt right.

Drummond was drained, depleted. Since he was a child, the basketball court had been a sanctuary, a place he always could outpace his worries and anxieties. That Sunday, everything he tried to outrun the last seven years finally caught him.

After the final buzzer against the Lakers, Drummond couldn't drag himself out of the locker room. One hour passed, then two, then three as he sank into his seat, trapped in a hollow echo.

"I was at a risk of having thoughts that I'm not supposed to have," Drummond told the Tribune. "When you get to that point of being that low, what comes next?"

When Drummond stepped back from social media and sat out a second game against the Lakers, this time March 29 in Chicago, to focus on his mental health, it came as a surprise to fans, competitors and even his coaches and teammates. For the entirety of his 11-year NBA career, the 6-foot-11, 29-year-old center had projected an image of stoicism on and off the court.

But none of this was new for Drummond.

He can't quite pinpoint when it started. Six, maybe seven years ago. It seeped in quietly, slowly — a sense of emptiness, a lack of purpose, a gradual unmooring in his daily life. Drummond didn't define it as depression, but his time was commanded by a cloying sense of sadness he couldn't shake.

The isolation and pressure began long before that — maybe when he was drafted into the league at 18, maybe even earlier when he gained national fame with the Connecticut Huskies.

Fame was a heavier burden than Drummond ever expected as a child dreaming of the NBA. He was achieving his dreams, but Drummond wasn't prepared for the scrutiny, the sacrifice of privacy and the constant belligerence of fans on the internet.

With each passing season, Drummond felt his life flattening out. He lost interest in childhood hobbies such as bowling, fell out of touch with longtime friends. All that mattered was basketball.

It wasn't something Drummond ever wanted to talk about. He never saw himself as someone who could allow himself vulnerability, even with people he loved most.

"I'm f——— Andre Drummond," he said. "I can't be sad. I was always — not afraid, but I was like, damn, I don't want to be looked at as soft. I'm too f——— big to be asking for help."

So Drummond pushed it down, focused on the next game, told himself to be tougher. And when he was traded from Detroit in 2020 after eight years with the Pistons, he lost yet another anchor from his sense of self.

"There were times where I'd walk past a mirror and I'd look at myself and feel like — I don't even know who I'm looking at right now," Drummond said. "It was just a shell. I felt like a robot. I was just going through the motions, not feeling anything. I felt numb. Practice, go home, workout, repeat. It gets to a point where, damn, this just doesn't even feel like who I am."

When he landed in Chicago last fall, Drummond seemed poised for a change as he took the locker directly next to DeMar DeRozan.

Bulls guard Patrick Beverley, left, and Drummond congratulate each other on a 131-87 win over the Nets at the United Center on Feb. 24. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

DeRozan and Drummond have known each other for a decade. They had a similar path — entering the league as a teenager, shouldering the pressure of a franchise only to be traded away. DeRozan spoke publicly about his depression in 2018, becoming a touchstone for mental health awareness in the league and urging teammates to talk through their struggles.

"We don't care who makes what or fame when it comes to us. We know one another," DeRozan told the Tribune. "Everybody else may look at us like NBA players who got a lot of money, there's nothing to worry about. But we have a cheat code to have those conversations among ourselves. We can be that person for each other."

That could have been — should have been — the moment when Drummond opened up.

It wasn't.

His same insecurities won out every time. Drummond didn't want to be soft or seem weak, didn't want to burden anyone with feelings he thought a man should be able to conquer.

It's not that he didn't try. In the quiet before a game, Drummond would lean over to DeRozan, tap his arm and admit that he was stressed. DeRozan would tug out his headphones, talk through the matchup, find a way to make Drummond laugh.

For Drummond, those small moments felt like cracking himself open, pouring out just enough of the pain he was disguising to bask in relief for a few hours. But it was surface level. He needed more.

"Little by little, I felt myself crying for help," Drummond said. "But I didn't know how to ask for it."

When he finally hit his breaking point, Drummond went to a professional, nearly 48 hours after that night in an L.A. hotel. The Bulls were playing a back-to-back set against the Clippers in the same arena that Monday night, March 27. Drummond warmed up with the Bulls like it was a normal game. But with minutes left before he was due on the court, he panicked, ditching his pregame ritual to find Borlabi.

If Drummond didn't let this out, he wasn't sure if he'd be able to play.

Drummond dunks the ball off a fast break during the first half of a game against the Kings at the United Center on March 15. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

When he finally caught up with Borlabi in the Crypto.com Arena hallway, he still couldn't push himself to start the conversation. This time, however, the person Drummond stood before was trained to recognize and respond to the type of crisis that was visibly cracking across his features.

When Borlabi asked Drummond if he needed to talk, everything overflowed.

"I felt myself getting emotional," Drummond said. "I didn't understand what was going on with me. This is a new feeling that I'm allowing myself to feel because normally I'd just suppress it — get over it, be fine, don't worry about it, just push it down.

"I allowed myself to feel for the first time in a really long time. I just felt myself getting emotional and I'm like, yo, I gotta f——— say something to someone. I'm losing my mind right now and we play in, like, eight minutes."

Drummond needs this to be clear: He didn't buy the whole therapy thing. At least not at first.

Those were his first words to Borlabi as they huddled in the corner of the locker room: "I'm going to be honest with you, I don't believe in none of this s—."

Drummond didn't fully understand how therapy was supposed to work. His image of the whole scenario involved a fancy couch, a stuffy doctor, maybe some tissues. And Drummond couldn't see how a man like himself fit into that picture.

"I feel like you guys are paid to just give us the right answer," Drummond told Borlabi. "What can you tell me about what I'm going through to make me feel better?"

Borlabi didn't argue or defend the process. She laughed. And after a moment of looking at her in stunned silence, Drummond began to laugh as well for the first time in too long. It was the first step in forging a relationship that has radically shifted Drummond's view of himself and mental health care.

Borlabi's role on the Bulls became a necessity when the NBA adopted a policy in 2019 requiring teams to maintain a full-time licensed psychologist or behavioral therapist on staff.

Borlabi provides mental health care to Bulls players throughout the season. The nature of an NBA schedule means it's not a rigorously structured role; rather than scheduling mandatory sessions, Borlabi is embedded with the team to create genuine bonds aimed at helping players feel comfortable about therapy.

Borlabi recognizes she's often the first mental health professional that most Bulls players have engaged with, which creates a challenge and responsibility for her.

NBA players are trained to shy away from honesty. Their lives are held under scrutiny and intense pressure. At the same time, they're socialized to exude strength. Calling an NBA player "soft" is one of the sharpest insults, yet protecting and preserving mental health requires athletes to access a deep level of vulnerability.

So it's no surprise to Borlabi when athletes such as Drummond are resistant to therapy. Rather, the lack of familiarity informs how she approaches each day on the job.

Borlabi emphasizes casual language, preferring the phrase "mental wellness" over "mental health." She focuses on tangible goals to help players articulate their needs.

"I try not to label," Borlabi told the Tribune. "It's about what you're feeling, what you're thinking and then how do we work with that."

Borlabi wears Bulls gear and travels to away games, visibly signaling her role with the team. Most of her early interactions with players and staff consist of conversations over breakfast and lunch on the road or at their facilities in Chicago. But Borlabi makes it clear to players that their communication — whether a joke over a meal or a serious divulgence — will remain confidential in her role as a licensed psychologist.

Ultimately, Borlabi hopes this approach will establish a baseline of trust. That way, when players reach a moment of crisis like Drummond faced in Los Angeles, they'll know it's safe to come to her — not as the team therapist, but as Dr. B.

"They're able to see that I am someone that has nothing to do with money, playing time or anything else," Borlabi said. "I'm really just here for them."

Drummond's initial weeks of therapy hinged around removing stressors to allow him to breathe.

He took one game off to center himself before returning for the playoff push. Borlabi identified social media as "white noise" that only worsens the pressure athletes feel. In response, Drummond handed his accounts over to his agents to keep from being overwhelmed by online negativity.

And while Drummond was distrusting of therapy at first — previously lacking the language and expertise to seek it for himself — he found sessions with Borlabi made immediate sense.

"You don't realize that therapy is not about giving you the right answer," Drummond said. "It's about hearing the s—- you're saying. It's about understanding and articulating what's coming out of your mouth because it's stuff that you think, but you don't say out loud. When you actually physically hear what you're saying out loud, you're like holy s—, I need to do this more. You feel a weight off your shoulders."

Since his first day of embracing therapy, Drummond didn't want to keep it a secret.

He could have covered it up, hiding his one-game, midweek absence with a vague moniker on the injury report. But too many of Drummond's mental challenges stemmed from a suppression of emotion he felt was intrinsic to his masculinity.

If he could show even one person he was wrong, that his strength stemmed from seeking help, Drummond knew speaking out would be worth it.

The reaction was immediate. Drummond received an outpouring of support on social media. Borlabi has been invited to speak at two elementary schools in Chicago whose educators hope to use Drummond and DeRozan as guideposts to teach students the benefit and bravery of seeking mental health care.

DeRozan knows there's longevity to vulnerability. Five years after sharing his story, he is still approached at games and hotels by fans whose lives were affected by his words.

"We have to talk about it," DeRozan said. "Now that we're talking about it on a consistent basis, that alone does so much to put it on the forefront. It gives us the confidence to want to talk about it and tell our stories. The more stories that are told, the more confidence it gives in someone else's life."

Drummond knows this is only a first step. His three weeks of therapy have offered more questions than answers, and it will take much longer to unspool everything he has felt over the past seven years.

But even in those rushed minutes in the halls of the Clippers' arena, Drummond began to regain something he didn't even realize he was seeking: peace.

"Talking to a doctor, being consistent with it — it feels good," Drummond said. "I still have a longer journey to go, but the process has started. I'm starting to feel myself changing little by little, getting back to the basics, rekindling friendships that I lost over the time and pushed by the wayside while I was stuck being lost as a person."

"There were so many times where I knew what I was feeling, but I chose to neglect it and push it down. Now going through this, I know it makes you so much stronger to be able to articulate what you're feeling."

Park Ridge mom, daughter volunteers earn national award

By Caroline Kubzansky
Pioneer Press

When Kim Quintero and her daughter Kate lost almost all their belongings in a major fire last year, they benefited from Park Ridge community members' donations of clothing and household items as they started to put their lives back together.

"We found ourselves out at night in pajamas with the clothes we had on our back," Kim, 55, said of the fire. "The Red Cross was there, which was amazing. And one of the churches here stepped up and did a big clothes drive for us and we shopped at a free store."

A free store is more or less what it sounds like: an array of household goods and other items arranged like a market, but available at no cost to "shoppers."

"If you've ever needed something like that, it just really hammers home how important it is to spend your time doing that for someone else," Kim, 55, said.

The experience gave a deeper meaning to the Quinteros' regular volunteering with a free store in Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood.

The pair recently received the Daily Point of Light award for that work from the Points of Light nonprofit organization, founded by former President George H.W. Bush.

They have volunteered through the local nonprofit The Honeycomb Project since Kate, now 15, was 7. Since getting involved, the Quinteros have worked on projects geared toward animal shelters, hospitalized youth, environmental issues and aiding the homeless.

But their favorite project is the free store, they told Pioneer Press.

The free store offers clothes, toiletries, toys and household goods ranging from furniture to car seats and dishes, the Quinteros said.

Mother-daughter pair Kim and Kate Quintero, of Park Ridge, have been recognized for their volunteer work with the Honeycomb Project by the national nonprofit Points of Light.
THE HONEYCOMB PROJECT

Part of the reason they enjoy volunteering at the free store, they said, is because they interact with the people who benefit from the work as well as other volunteers.

When they set out goods, they put the housewares next to the toys. Kate said the locations of the two tables leads to one the most rewarding parts of helping at the free store.

"It's my absolute favorite thing to see kids start jumping up and down and looking over toys and picking out what they want," Kate said.

The Honeycomb Project emphasizes parents and children volunteering together. Director Kristina Lowenstein said the Quinteros were a "standout family" and cheered their selection for the Point of Light award.

"They're really just a great team," Lowenstein said. "Watching them work together and collaborate and really just have fun is just so inspirational for all of the families in our organization."

Kim said volunteering is an important way for her to spend time with Kate: "There's never enough [time]," she said. "They grow too quickly."

"We argue over what we're going to do together," Kim continued. "We look forward to it. We always find something around our birthdays. We always find something around Mother's Day — That's my absolute favorite."

Lowenstein added that Kate, who now participates in a special Leadership Corps group for the Honeycomb Project, makes an impact as a teacher and mentor to younger volunteers.

"She's super hands-on about engaging with young people," Lowenstein said. "She's so passionate about service, it's contagious, and to see her engaging with young children is truly inspiring."

Kate, for her part, recounted memories of watching young children dive into work at the free store.

"I remember we once had a 4-year-old who was trying to pick up a bunch of chairs and carry them around for us," she said.

She told Pioneer Press one of her favorite things about volunteering with younger children was watching them understand the value of volunteering while working alongside them.

"I think any kid has a potential to fall in love with [volunteering] if they're exposed to it from a young age; I think they can become really attached to it," Kate said. "So many of these kids are just so excited to help."

Kim told Pioneer Press she's seen volunteering become an invaluable part of other families' lives, even if it isn't a major time commitment.

"Just spending time with your kids is priceless," she said. "Even if you don't have a cause that's near and dear to your heart, just do something and do it with your kids because it's time well spent."

Registry helps Elgin police respond in cases of autism, mental illness

By Gloria Casas
For Courier-News

Robbie Soberano has a unique perspective as a dad of an autistic child and as an Elgin police officer.

He worries about his 11-year-old son, Ben, interacting with police and what could go wrong if an officer doesn't have the right information to deal with his son's autism.

It's for that reason he's glad Elgin police have a voluntary registry through which families can provide information about loved ones who have autism or are mentally ill or developmentally disabled — information officers can access when responding to an emergency situation.

For example, Soberano said, his son is nonverbal and tends to wander. Were Ben to go missing, Elgin police officers would have guidance through the Premise Alert Program on how to approach him and would be aware he couldn't respond to commands.

An autistic person having a meltdown can seem like aggression, Soberano said. By having the information, police can prevent dangerous situations, he said.

Soberano

The voluntary registry "saves time and lives," Soberano said.

He'd like to see more police departments create a volunteer registry in their community. "Hopefully, there's a push for it," Soberano said. "It makes our jobs easier and makes us better."

It's one of the things they'll be promoting Saturday at the Elgin Police Department's annual Heroes United to Raise Autism Acceptance event, he said.

With 1 in 36 children being diagnosed with autism and the neurological and developmental disorder being four times more common in boys than girls, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, people need to be aware of and be accepting of those who have it, experts say.

Soberano's in charge of the Heroes United celebration, now in its third year. There will be activities for children with sensory issues, games, food and rides in police vehicles as well as 30 vendors, he said.

"If they do get overwhelmed, we'll have places where they can chill out," he said.

The celebration is a way to bring about acceptance of autism, not just awareness, he said.

"It's the new mantra. It's acceptance as a community and inclusion," Soberano said. Events such as this one help increase inclusion while providing fun for families with special-needs children, he said.

The gathering will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the police department, 151 Douglas Ave. For more information, go to autismheroproject.com or cityofelgin.org/police.

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Lake Zurich work expected to snarl traffic

Pioneer Press

Likely traffic gridlock and delays are on tap in Lake Zurich as village officials announced that multimillion-dollar, multi-phase roadwork will soon be starting in the suburb.

In the village's electronic newsletter to residents and business owners, officials said a $5.1 million project is getting ready to start in the Main Street District, "advancing the Village's strategic goal of infrastructure investment."

The work is planned to be done in three phases.

According to the newsletter, the first phase consists of replacing 2,500 feet of 8-inch water main, also 1,460 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer, 1,050 feet of storm sewer, and 240 feet sanitary force main on Main Street, Mionske Drive and Lake Street. The work will also include full pavement resurfacing.

Then in the second phase, 1,015 feet of 12-inch water main is planned to be installed, which includes a 100-foot section of 20-inch steel casing pipe "to be augured under the limits of the rail crossing on South Old Rand," according to the newsletter.

In the third phase, streetscape improvements are planned to be installed and the overhead utilities on South Old Rand will be removed. That work is planned for next year.

"The existing aged underground infrastructure (often 70-90 years old in this project!) will be replaced to improve the overall integrity of the water and sewer system while also improving water quality," according to the electronic newsletter.

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Trial

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House Speaker Michael Madigan, right, at the Illinois State Capitol in 2012. **MICHAEL TERCHA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Defendant Michael McClain exits the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago after the first day of the "ComEd Four" bribery conspiracy trial on March 14. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore walks down Dearborn Street after leaving the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse on March 14. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Consultant Jay Doherty, a defendant charged in the ComEd bribery scheme, leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse on April 12. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Former ComEd executive John Hooker leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse after testimony in the "ComEd Four" trial on March 20. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

did you ever think for one minute that Mike Madigan would risk his speakership and his power to get a few more people some jobs at ComEd?" Cotter asked defendant John Hooker, the longtime ComEd lobbyist who was testifying in his own defense. "It's a crazy idea, isn't it?"

"It's a bad idea," Hooker agreed.

Prosecutors, however, have alleged it's not crazy at all. In fact, the indictment alleged getting jobs for people was a key way Madigan managed to hold on to power for so long.

When the old political machine that depended on blue collar patronage jobs such as meter readers and garbage collectors broke down, Madigan simply evolved, prosecutors say, creating a new system that set up an ever-growing list of former political allies with lucrative lobbying and consulting gigs.

That modern-day patronage system was laid bare in the six weeks of testimony, reflecting not only Madigan's vaunted political operation but also the machinations of Illinois politics on a much larger scale, including the cozy relationships between lobbyists, politicians and clout-heavy public utilities that depend on action in Springfield, where Madigan controlled the fate of virtually every piece of legislation.

To prove their case, prosecutors have tried to show that the ComEd Four defendants corrupted that process by providing a stream of benefits to Madigan and his cronies in exchange for what they hoped would be the speaker's favorable treatment of their ambitious legislative agenda in Springfield.

Defense attorneys have argued repeatedly — and will surely again Monday — that none of the jobs and other benefits allegedly bestowed upon Madigan can be directly tied to anything the speaker did for ComEd in the General Assembly.

In deliberating the case, jurors will have to sift through a mountain of evidence, including dozens of wiretapped phone calls and secretly recorded videos, hundreds of emails and internal documents, and the live testimony of some 50 witnesses, including current and former state legislators, ComEd executives, and Madigan insiders such as former political staffer Will Cousineau and legendary 13th Ward precinct captain Ed Moody.

Also key to their decision will be the testimony of two of the four defendants, former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore and Hooker, who spent years as ComEd's top internal lobbyist.

One person, however, has been a sort of elephant in the courtroom: Madigan himself.

While Madigan and McClain were indicted in March 2022 on separate racketeering charges related to the ComEd scheme and other alleged corrupt acts, the ComEd Four jury knows nothing about that case, which is scheduled for trial next April.

The indictment came a year after Madigan lost his speakership in 2021, when his own Democratic caucus refused to back him as the burgeoning ComEd scandal became a political albatross. He then gave up his House seat.

Along with hearing the speaker's voice on numerous wiretapped phone calls, Madigan's image has also shown up in a variety of ways, including a less-than-flattering driver's license photo, a bizarre, ComEd-created cartoon of him with a crown on his head, and a decades-old photo of him with Moody and his twin brother, Fred.

Whether Madigan's physical absence at the defense table will play at all into the jury's deliberations remains to be seen, but it has meant that the jurors heard the speaker accused of a lengthy list of questionable acts without him being there to defend himself.

Charged in the ComEd Four case are Michael McClain, 75, a Madigan confidant and longtime ComEd lobbyist; Pramaggiore, 64, a lawyer and onetime rising star in Chicago's corporate world; Jay Doherty, 69, a longtime ComEd contract lobbyist and ex-president of the City Club of Chicago; and Hooker, 74, who over a 44-year career worked his way from the utility's mailroom to become its point man in Springfield.

The indictment alleged the four conspired to funnel $1.3 million in payments to ghost "subcontractors," largely through Doherty's company, who were actually Madigan's cronies as part of an elaborate scheme to get the speaker to look favorably at the company's legislative agenda.

In addition to paying the subcontractors, the utility also hired a clouted law firm run by political operative Victor Reyes, distributed numerous college internships within Madigan's 13th Ward fiefdom, and blatantly backed former McPier chief Juan Ochoa, the friend of a Madigan ally, for a seat on the utility's board of directors, the indictment alleged.

In return, prosecutors say, Madigan used his influence over the General Assembly to help ComEd score a series of huge legislative victories that not only rescued the company from financial instability but led to record-breaking, billion-dollar profits.

Among them was the 2011 smart grid bill that set a built-in formula for the rates ComEd could charge customers, avoiding battles with the Illinois Commerce Commission, according to the charges. ComEd also leaned on Madigan's office to help pass the Future Energy Jobs Act in 2016, which kept the formula rate in place and also rescued two nuclear plants run by an affiliated company, Exelon Generation.

Closing arguments are set to begin around 9:30 a.m. Monday in U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber's 17th floor courtroom.

At jury instruction conference Thursday, Leinenweber gave prosecutors three hours total to argue their case, including remarks in rebuttal that are the last arguments the jury hears before starting deliberations.

Each of the four defendants will have an hour and a half, though they can trade time with each other, the judge said.

Under the governing case law, prosecutors do not have to show a specific quid pro quo existed between Madigan and the four defendants, only that there was a corrupt intent to provide the stream of benefits to Madigan in order to win his influence over legislative acts.

After testimony wrapped last week, lawyers for the defendants argued strenuously for instructions to be provided to the jury that would require a more specific nexus between the ComEd legislation and Madigan's actions.

But Leinenweber stuck largely to his previous rulings that the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals requires only that the defendants passed gratuities or rewards to the speak in the hope they would influence Madigan in some official capacity.

"The difference between the regular lobbying and corrupt lobbying is not only the intent to influence, as focused on by defendants, but the action which intends to provide 'something of value,' either given or offered, in order to influence the official," the judge wrote in a ruling last year.

Leinenweber on Thursday acknowledged that the issue of when a gratuity or reward for a public official becomes a bribe is in flux in the federal courts nationwide. But for this trial, the prevailing law is what the appellate court in Chicago has held, he said.

"I know there is substantial dispute among the circuits, but not the 7th Circuit," Leinenweber said. "We are living in the 7th. ...Eventually it's going to probably get to the Supreme Court, and either you're right or you're wrong."

"Well, except for at the same time. somebody's life is waiting for that," said attorney Gabrielle Sansonetti, who represents Doherty. "So it's important."

Winning a public corruption trial at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse has long been an uphill battle for defense attorneys, and the ComEd Four case is no different.

In cross examination and through testimony of their own witnesses, the defense has attempted to show that passing major utility legislation was never as simple as reaching out to Madigan and asking him to snap his fingers, no matter how powerful he may have been.

In fact, it often took years of wrangling to pass such landmark bills, with Madigan's office pushing back on specifics that ultimately cost the utility millions of dollars and insisting on "sunset provisions" that forced ComEd to come back to the legislature every few years.

While the jury heard hours and hours of testimony about ComEd's efforts in the legislature, there were several key aspects of the bribery probe that were kept out of the courtroom.

For one, Leinenweber barred any mention that ComEd already admitted in court that it showered Madigan with favors in hopes of winning his support for their legislative goals.

As part of a deferred prosecution agreement with the U.S. attorney's office, the company agreed to pay a record $200 million fine and cooperate with the investigation in exchange for prosecutors dropping a bribery charge in three years.

Another win for the defense came when the judge disallowed specifics about Pramaggiore's multimillion-dollar compensation package at ComEd, including the actual size of her bonus that came soon after her prominent legislative victory in 2016.

Hooker's defense team, led by attorney Michael Monico, kept out any mention that Hooker headed a group that went to court to halt attempts to diminish the power of Madigan and other political leaders over how legislative district boundaries are redrawn once a decade.

The matter may have given prosecutors a chance to explore a closer relationship between Hooker and Madigan, but the judge ruled that redistricting litigation was too far afield of the ComEd Four charges and barred the issue from being brought up in the trial.

Leinenweber also kept out one potentially damaging recording — a wiretapped call where Madigan allegedly told McClain that their friends who'd been showered with do-nothing ComEd contracts had "made out like bandits."

The most crucial evidence presented by prosecutors came from the defendants' own mouths, through some 100 recorded wiretapped conversations and secretly recorded meetings played for jurors, including many in which the defendants talk with startling candor about their mutual interest in keeping Madigan happy.

The testimony also featured an only-in-Illinois cast of characters who allegedly benefited from Madigan's political machine.

The jury heard from a sitting legislator, state Rep. Bob Rita, D-Blue Island, who testified memorably last month that Madigan ruled his fellow Democrats "through fear and intimidation."

Legendary 13th Ward precinct captain Edward Moody, meanwhile, testified for prosecutors that the speaker got him a $45,000-a-year contract with McClain but made it clear the deal would disappear if he stopped working on campaigns.

And Ochoa, a onetime nemesis of Madigan, told the jury he used his clout with then-U.S. Rep. Luis Gutiérrez to win the speaker's recommendation for a coveted spot on ComEd's board.

Despite the speaker's reputation as a careful tactician who rarely talked business over the phone, one recording of Madigan from May 2018 provided jurors with a behind-the-scenes conversation in which he gently flexed his political muscle to get what he wanted.

Madigan told McClain to "go forward with Ochoa" despite substantial pushback from a top ComEd official, including concerns about Ochoa's financial matters.

"If the only complaint about him is that he suffers from bankruptcy twice, so did Harry Truman," Madigan quipped.

Shortly after that conversation, McClain called Pramaggiore to tell her Madigan "would appreciate it if you would keep pressing."

"OK, got it," Pramaggiore replied. "I will keep pressing."

ComEd executive Fidel Marquez, who secretly worked with federal authorities to wire up on defendants, testified about recorded meetings he had with the defendants where they discussed how to let incoming ComEd CEO Joe Dominguez know about the subcontractor arrangement with Doherty.

In a video-recorded meeting from early 2019, Doherty gave Marquez a blunt explanation of what the Madigan-backed subcontractors actually did for the utility.

"Well, not much, to answer the question," Doherty said. "They keep their mouth shut, and you know. But do they do anything for me on a day-to-day basis? No."

In her testimony, Pramaggiore demonstrated that, no matter how practiced at public speaking or schooled in college theater classes, there is danger when a defendant takes the witness stand — even when one hires former U.S. Attorney Scott Lassar.

Pramaggiore tripped trying to put a positive spin on her responses to a barrage of pointed questions from Assistant U.S. Attorney Sarah Streicker, who pressed Pramaggiore to explain whether she remembered a call in which she was recorded talking to Marquez about subcontracts.

"No, and I think I shared that with you when I came in for the interview," Pramaggiore said, a comment that gave prosecutors an opening to reveal more to the jury.

In the end, jurors heard she had agreed to be interviewed by investigators with her attorneys present in September 2019 but the interview ended abruptly once the feds revealed they had recordings of her conversations.

More than once, McClain was referred to on the witness stand as a "double agent." And an FBI wiretap on McClain's phone revealed his basic philosophy that loyalty to Madigan outranked his loyalty to ComEd and other companies that paid him. It was advice he gave to Cousineau, a former political director on Madigan's House staff who later became a contract lobbyist for ComEd.

"As long as we remember who our real client is," McClain said, referring to Madigan, "it's not easy, but it mollifies it."

But it may be one of McClain's calls with Hooker about ComEd money going to Madigan allies that will be reviewed closely as jurors search for their verdict.

"We had to hire these guys because Mike Madigan came to us," McClain said. "That's how simple it is. So if you want to make a federal court suit over it, OK. But that's how simple it is."

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Batavia campaign reminds shoppers to BYOB

Beacon-News staff report

A customer walks by a rack of reusable bags at a store in Northbrook in February. Batavia is encouraging residents to use reusable bags to avoid the retail single-use bag fee that takes effect in the city July 1. **KARIE ANGELL LUC/PIONEER PRESS**

Batavia has launched a campaign to remind shoppers to bring their own bags to local stores to avoid the retail single-use bag fee that takes effect in the city July 1.

The Batavia City Council voted in November 2022 to implement the fee.

Through the website cityofbatavia.net/byob, social media posts, city newsletters, posters, stickers and other materials, shoppers can learn about the environmental impact of non-reusable bags, as well as details about the new fee and tips for making reusable bags part of a shopping routine, officials said as part of the Bring Your Own Bag campaign.

"We hope to see a significant reduction in the consumption of single-use bags in our community. This measure can reduce pollution of our land, air and water and will reduce the use of fossil fuels needed to produce single-use bags," said Carolyn Burnham, a member of the Batavia Environmental Commission, in a press release about the new campaign. "To make the biggest impact, we encourage everyone to use the bags they already have when they shop."

The retail single-use bag fee is 10 cents for any non-reusable bag provided by a retail establishment in Batavia that is larger than 5,000 square feet, officials said. There are several retailers that are excluded from the fee, including restaurants, pharmacies, and bags for produce, meat and bakery items. For more details on the fee, go to cityofbatavia.net/byob. Retailers will collect the 10-cent fee, retaining four cents and remitting six cents to the city of Batavia, officials said.

Batavia Ald. Jennifer Baerren, 1st Ward, said the bag fee program's aim is to decrease the use of non-reusable bags, not necessarily generate revenue.

"I am excited to see the money collected in these fees decline year over year," Baerren said in the press release. "However, with the fees collected, I will push with the council to fund environmental projects that currently do not have funding identified."

In approving the fee, Batavia Ald. Abby Beck, 5th Ward, said the new local policy has the potential to make progress toward a cleaner future.

"I'm grateful to the Batavia Environmental Commission for their expertise and leadership and feel confident in our community to adapt and change our shopping behaviors," Beck said in the release.

Lake Forest High $106M bond proposal squeaks by in referendum

By Daniel I. Dorfman
Pioneer Press

A physical transformation of Lake Forest High School is set to begin as local voters have narrowly approved a nearly $106 million bond sale, according to election results certified Thursday.

More than two weeks after Election Day, the clerk's office certified the results of the $105.7 million borrowing plan, where most of the proceeds are earmarked for the renovation of the 88-year-old LFHS building on McKinley Road.

The measure finished with 3,902 voters, or 50.8% backing the bond sale; and 3,777 voters, or 49.1% against the proposal.

Support for the 20-year bond sale plan maintained a small-but-consistent lead from late on election night and over the last two weeks as additional votes were counted.

Voter turnout was roughly 30.6% in the LFHS district, which includes Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Knollwood.

The financial impact is projected to be a $950 property tax increase for a home with a market value of $1 million over the next 20 years, according to LFHS officials.

District 115 officials released a statement celebrating the certified results.

"This was a vote for our future," school board President Jenny Zinser said. "These infrastructure updates will give Lake Forest High School students and staff a more functional, collaborative, and modern teaching and learning environment, better aligned with the excellence we seek for all Scouts."

Superintendent Matthew Montgomery added, "Our gratitude goes to the voters and to the dozens of staff, students, parents, guardians, Board representatives, and community members who have served on our Facilities Master Plan Oversight Committee.

"Since the group's inception in 2019, this team has collaborated tirelessly on identifying and prioritizing building improvement plans for our historic high school with a focus on responsible fiscal stewardship," he said.

Parents Care, an organization whose founders opposed the referendum, released an email the day after the election indicating they believed the majority of voters would approve the measure. They deferred to that statement as additional votes were counted.

"We all accept the outcome and rejoice in this affirmation of democracy," the email read.

Later in the email, the group called for changes in LFHS educational operations in light of the bond sale passage.

"Now the district, the administration, and the school board need to approach student achievement with the same vigor they have approached the passage of this bond," the email read.

The District 115 school board placed the bond sale measure on the ballot seeking improvements, maintenance and infrastructure, safety and security, ADA-accessibility and updated classrooms, including improved science labs mostly at the LFHS building. The district is also set to spend about 10% of the funds for enhancements at the LFHS West Campus.

In their statement, District 115 officials said a capital projects advisory committee will be formed with the goal of finding volunteers with backgrounds in architecture, construction, engineering and interior design.

LFHS officials said design work will start later this year, and construction will begin in the summer of 2024.

Officials believe the project will take place over about four summers, but the school will remain open throughout. However, there may be some changes to the traditional school calendar.

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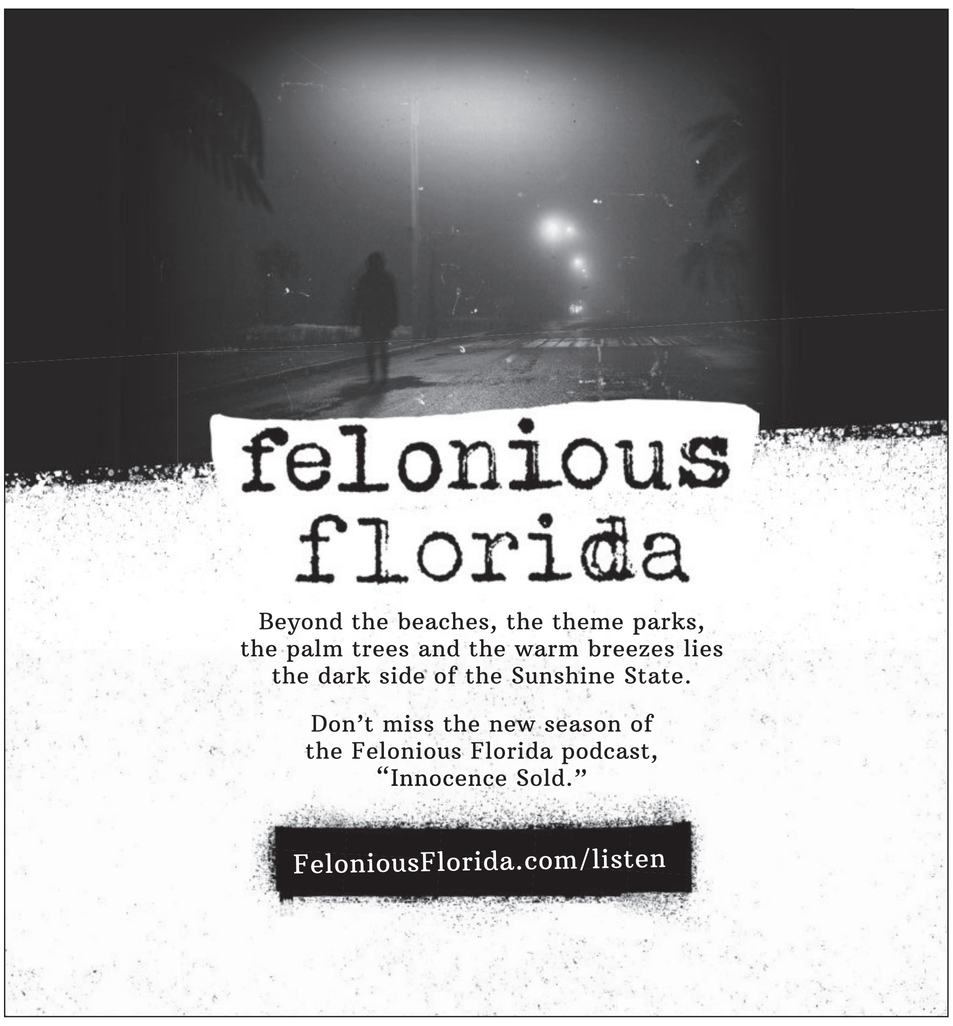

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People rally for Ralph Yarl in front of the Whittaker U.S. Courthouse in Kansas City, Missouri, on Tuesday. **EMILY CURIEL/KANSAS CITY STAR**

Note to my fellow grumpy old men: Don't reach too quickly for your firearms

Clarence Page

I don't sympathize in any way with Andrew Lester, but I think I understand him. From what I hear through the media, he sounds like a fellow grumpy old man.

I understand. I'm old and feeling grumpier by the day. But I don't turn to firearms to do my talking.

The same apparently cannot be said for Andrew Lester, 84, the retired airplane mechanic who infamously gave a trigger-happy response to Ralph Yarl, when the 16-year-old teenager knocked on Lester's door in Kansas City, Missouri, not knowing he had come to the wrong address. Yarl was picking up his younger siblings at a friend's home.

Far from a gangbanger, Yarl was described later in a statement by North Kansas City School District Superintendent Dan Clemens as an excellent student and a talented musician who maintains a stellar GPA while taking mostly college-level courses — far from a criminal profile.

Fortunately, the teen survived two gunshot wounds, including one to his head. The case stoked national outrage as a symbol of gun violence and national debates over self-defense, racial profiling and "stand your ground" or "castle doctrine" self-defense laws.

Lester pleaded not guilty to the charges of assault in the first degree and armed criminal action and was released on $200,000 bond. In custody, he told police that he fired his Smith & Wesson .32-caliber pistol because he was "scared to death" that someone was trying to break into his home.

Controversy deepened as Clay County Prosecuting Attorney Zachary Thompson said at a news conference without elaborating that there was "a racial component to the case."

That view seemed to be supported by Lester's grandson Klint Ludwig, who told the Kansas City Star that he was repulsed but not entirely surprised by the shooting. "The warning signs were there. I wasn't shocked when I heard the news," Ludwig told CNN. "I believe he held, holds, racist tendencies and beliefs."

Ludwig described how his grandpa fell "further down the right-wing rabbit hole as far as doing the election-denying conspiracy stuff and COVID conspiracies and disinformation, fully buying into the Fox News, OAN kind of line" while immersed in "a 24-hour news cycle of fear and paranoia."

By contrast, Klint Ludwig's older brother Daniel declined to comment much but, in a New York Times interview, he disputed claims that their grandfather supported extreme views and conspiracy theories.

Yet, when we try to make sense out of the senseless in cases like this one, the narrative is complicated by some eerily similar gun tragedies that happened within days of each other.

For example, race didn't come up as an issue two days after Yarl's shooting when Kaylin Gillis, 20, riding with a group of her young friends, pulled into the wrong driveway at a rural country home in a wooded area of upstate New York. The homeowner came out of his house and, reportedly without warning, shot at them, killing Gillis.

Or there were the two Texas cheerleaders, shot on April 18 after a friend mistakenly got into the wrong car in a supermarket parking lot. A suspect, Pedro Tello Rodriguez Jr., 25, was charged with "deadly conduct," a third-degree felony, punishable by two to 10 years in prison or a fine of up to $10,000, authorities said.

And, of course, there were more gun-related tragedies across our land where guns way outnumber people. These stood out only because of the striking similarities in their circumstances. Whether it was because of mistaken identities or senselessly volatile tempers, they stand out as tragic examples of how routine mistakes quickly can turn tragic at the hands of people too eager to pick up a firearm.

"No parent should have to worry that their kid will be shot after ringing the wrong doorbell," said President Joe Biden after Yarl's shooting. That's too true. But Fox News host Tucker Carlson quickly accused Biden of trying to "further divide the country."

Aw, c'mon, Tucker. You're too young to join us grumpy old men, although you're off to a good start.

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Responsible for future

We developed nations are rightly expected by the developing world to make the first meaningful moves on decarbonization, since we've done the most polluting and damage to the environment.

Many people are fleeing global warming-related extreme weather events and/or chronic crop failures in the Southern Hemisphere, widely believed by climate scientists to be related to the Northern Hemisphere's chronic fossil fuel burning beginning with the Industrial Revolution.

Every day of the year really needs World Earth Day action — with a genuine, serious effort and not just news media tokenism.

Obstacles to environmental progress were quite formidable pre-pandemic. But COVID-19 stalled most projects being undertaken. Also increasingly problematic are the people too tired and worried about feeding and housing themselves and their families to worry about the environment, however much it's much needed.

Societally, we still discharge pollution out of exhaust pipes, smoke stacks and jet engines like it's all absorbed into the natural environment without repercussion. Clearly, it isn't.

— *Frank Sterle Jr., White Rock, British Columbia*

Climate change is here

On April 15, it was 80-plus degrees; we ran our air conditioning. On April 16, we were presented with 40-degree temperatures and light snow. In my eight-plus decades of never being surprised by what Chicago weather can dish out, this was a first.

Climate change is real, and it's here. Those who choose to ignore such serious environmental issues have their heads in the sand.

Thank you to President Joe Biden for acknowledging this issue and taking strides to preserve that which is home to *all* of us.

No time or place for politics.

— *Mel Novit, Morton Grove*

NFL investigation

Vehicles plod along the Kennedy Expressway in Chicago during rush-hour on March 21. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

The editorial applauding the end of Daniel Snyder's disastrous ownership of the NFL's Washington franchise is well-taken ("Dan Snyder's time in the NFL is up. What took so long?" April 17). But it understates his actions regarding alleged sexual abuse and harassment in the workplace, as well as the NFL's efforts to hide the details.

It was after reading about NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell's refusal to publicly release the results of the NFL's investigation of Snyder and his staff that I decided that Congress had a responsibility to get involved. Along with Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., then-chairwoman of the House Oversight and Accountability Committee, I undertook an investigation of the investigation. Our probe uncovered indefensible acts by Snyder and the NFL's inadequate response.

We found that Snyder had attempted to thwart the NFL investigation by hiring his own private investigators and intimidating the accusers and witnesses of rampant sexual abuse and harassment. He also had used legally binding agreements to keep his female employees from going public with their complaints. Goodell cited these agreements in refusing to make his investigation public, even though many of the signatories were eager to speak.

I should note that some colleagues on our committee attempted to sideline our investigation, claiming it was wrong for Congress to probe the employment practices of a private company. But NFL teams are far from private. The NFL is the most popular sports league in our country, with millions of Americans identifying with their hometown teams.

The example set by the league and its teams has tremendous influence on the public. The idea that an NFL owner and his senior staff could carry out decades of alleged sexual harassment and abuse of the team's employees with complete impunity sets a terrible example for fans, many of them female, and businesses across our country. It sends the message that some are too rich and powerful to have to follow the rules.

I am pleased that Snyder will no longer own and run the Washington Commanders. On the other hand, a second investigation ordered by Goodell, under the direction of former U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White, still has not been completed or made public, as he promised it would in testimony before our committee. It's not enough that the ownership of one team has changed. The NFL's approach to workplace sexual harassment must, as well.

— *U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, D-Schaumburg*

Security at US Capitol

How about we implement firearms security measures at the U.S. Capitol consistent with measures in use at the typical elementary school? Like maybe a security guard, maybe without her own firearm. Certainly no metal detector or pat-downs. No one monitoring the hallways or auditoriums. Law enforcement a couple miles away.

Certainly, Congress deserves no better protection than grade school children.

If and when said children are allowed open carry rights, then, too, members of Congress could arm themselves as well. I would like to see the floor debates then. Of course, all would have to receive the mandatory "duck and cover" training.

This may not be explicitly covered under "equal protection under the law," but it seems like it should be.

— *John Bean, Chicago*

The right to safety

Prove you need a gun. It's only a right if it doesn't affect other people's rights to live in a safe environment.

Pull into the wrong driveway? Bang. Knock on the wrong door? Bang. Go to a birthday party, a Fourth of July parade, a school? Bang. Bang. Bang. It's guns.

— *Melly Peterson, Highland Park*

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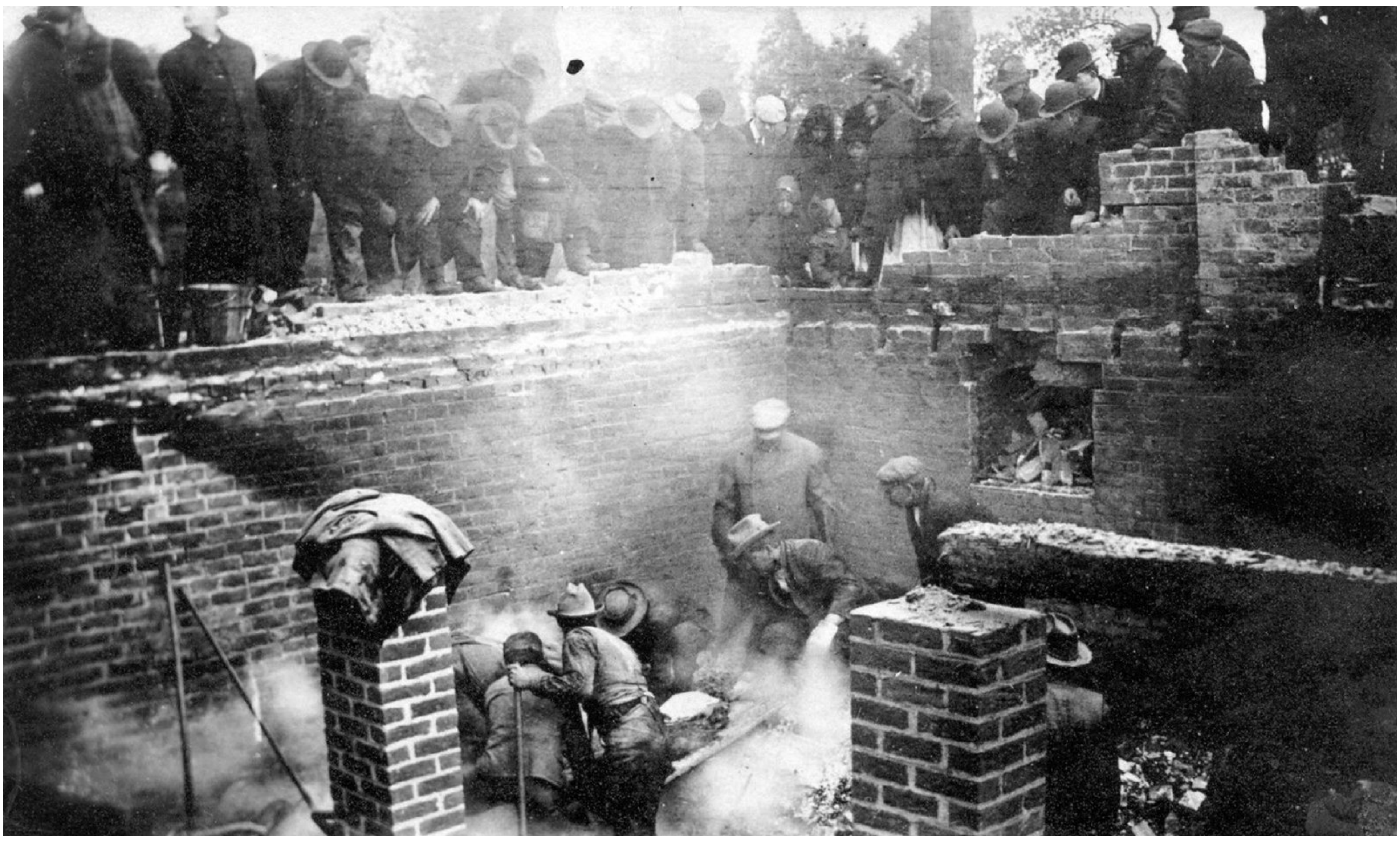


Officials sift through the ashes of the Gunness family home that burned to the ground on April 28, 1908. Four bodies were found — Belle Gunness' two daughters, a son and a headless torso that was believed to be Gunness. More bodies would be found buried on the farm. **LA PORTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

THE 'LA PORTE GHOUL'

Belle Gunness' siren song led lonely farmers to an untimely demise

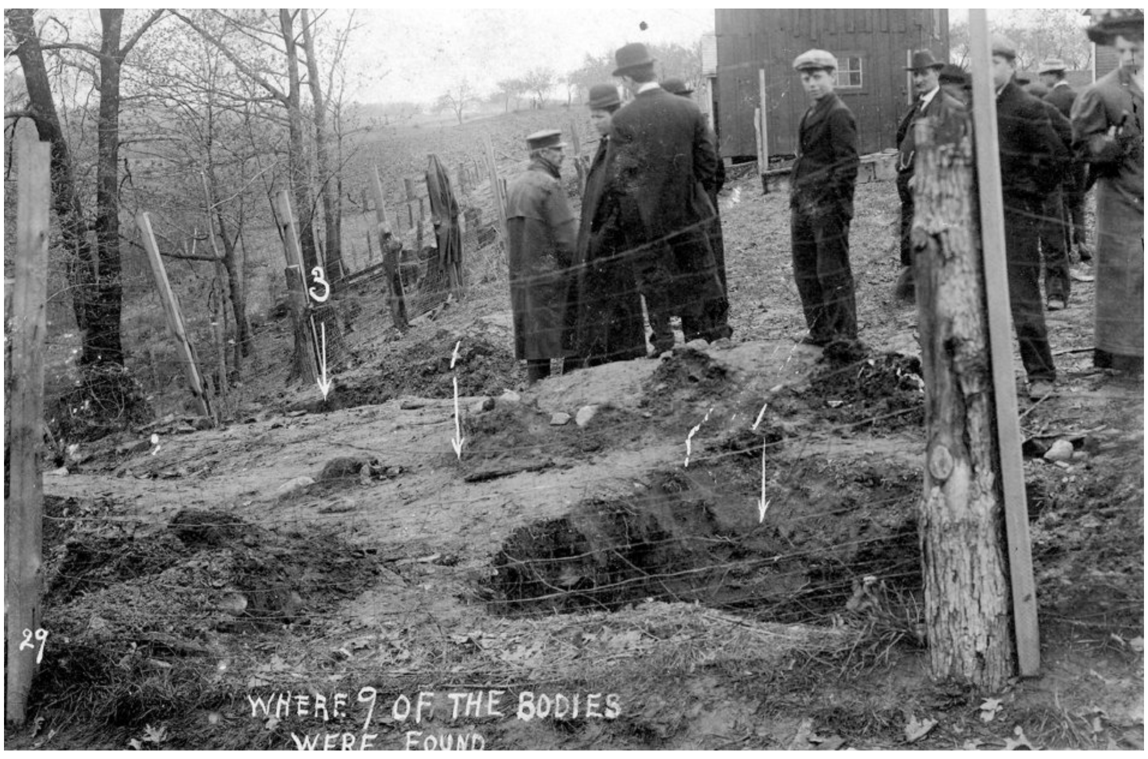
By Ron Grossman | Chicago Tribune

In March 1908 Asle Helgelien, a South Dakota farmer worried about his missing brother, wrote to Belle Gunness, who had a farm near La Porte, Indiana.

Andrew Helgelien hadn't returned after telling his brother that he would be "back home in a week away surely," and correspondence was found suggesting a romantic relationship between him and Gunness.

"You wish to know where your brother keeps himself?" she wrote back to Asle Helgelien. "Well this is just what I would like to know but it almost seems impossible for me to give a definite answer."

Andrew had responded to an ad Gunness placed in the Minneapolis Tidende, a Norwegian-language newspaper:



Sightseers view the holes where several bodies were found on the Belle Gunness farm in 1908.
LA PORTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WANTED — a woman who owns a beautifully located and valuable farm in first class condition, wants a good and reliable man as partner in same. Some little cash is required and will be furnished first class security."

In subsequent letters she'd offered Andrew not just a job but love and moving advice.

"I place you higher in my affections than anyone on this earth," she wrote. "Take all your money out of the bank, and come as soon as possible."

Andrew had joined her, Gunness told Asle, then taken off for parts unknown, adding that if Asle came there to search for his brother, she'd do whatever she could.

Lamphere

But on April 28 Gunness' home burned down, and by the time Asle Helgelien got there it had become the site of a macabre carnival. A thousand curiosity seekers were joined by the relatives of missing men, as word spread of evidence that Gunness was both a murder victim and a murderer.

A Tribune headline reported that her corpse had been horribly mutilated: "Fire Victim's Head Missing." Alongside Gunness' headless corpse were the bodies of three young children, apparently seeking refuge from the flames in their mother's embrace.

Ray Lamphere, her former hired hand, was arrested on suspicion of setting the fire. He had been seen around town in February wearing a fur coat that belonged to Asle Hegelien. Under questioning, he admitted being jealous of his successor.

"We got along all right before that and she used to come to my room at night," Lamphere said in his cell at the La Porte County Jail. "But after Helgelien came she had no use for me."

Meanwhile the authorities were digging in Gunness' farmyard searching for her missing head. It wasn't found, but other bodies were. Her neighbors had long looked at her suspiciously. Her husband had mysteriously died, five months after they were married six years earlier.

Peter Gunness was found in a pool of blood on the kitchen floor with a hole in the back of his head in 1902. She said a meat grinder had fallen off a shelf and hit him. An inquest was held and her explanation accepted, but her neighbors weren't buying it.

"Peter Gunness was killed with a meat grinder dropping on his head?" one woman asked an Indianapolis Star reporter.

"A very likely story!"

Six years later 10 bodies had been uncovered by the time Asle Helgelien arrived at the farm May 3. None resembled his brother, and he was ready to move on when he noticed a soft spot, suggesting soil had been removed. Digging was resumed, and a sack was discovered.

"The sack was opened and the pieces of the body fell out," the Tribune reported. "Helgelien almost fainted."

It was his brother, Andrew. By then the story had gone national, and Gunness was no longer its hero: a mother who died trying to protect her children.

From coast to coast, newspapers recognized the circulation benefits of the grisly tale. Gunness was proclaimed "the La Porte Ghoul," a "Female Bluebeard" and "Hell's Princess."

Local reporters matched their visiting colleagues' hyperbole. The Chicago Evening American said that if Edgar Allan Poe "were to come back to life he might write a new and more thrilling story of 'The Fall of the House of Usher,' " based on Gunness' farmyard full of graves.

Reporters pressed by editors, and Indiana officials by public outrage, looked into the backstory. They found that mysterious fires, unlikely deaths and handsome insurance settlements predated Gunness's arrival in La Porte.

She was born in Norway in 1859 with the given name was Brynhild Paulsdatter Storseth. She immigrated to Chicago, married Mads Sorenson, and when their two homes and a candy store burned they collected on insurance.

Belle Gunness with her children Philip Gunness, on lap, Myrtle and Lucy Sorenson, right, in the late 19th or early 20th century.
LA PORTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

While Sorenson had life insurance, she persuaded him to buy another policy.

On July 30, 1900, the older policy expired and the new one kicked in. So when Sorenson died that day, Gunness collected money from both insurance companies, and with that $8,500 bought the farm near La Porte, about 60 miles east of Chicago

The mystery of her death in La Porte prompted the Chicago police to take another look at her husband's death.

"Considering the suspicious circumstances at the time with present developments, I am led to believe that M.D.A. Sorenson, the first husband of Belle Gunness, was poisoned," J.B. Miller, the Chicago doctor who conducted the inquest, said in May 1908.

By then La Porte's authorities realized that Andrew Helgelien was only one of the victims lured to Gunness' farm. The editor of the Skandinaven newspaper reported Gunness placed an ad with him identical to the one Helgelien read in Minneapolis' Norwegian newspaper.

"There are many young Norwegian farmers in the northwest who after becoming well to do, want to marry, but who have not had time to become acquainted with women," the Skandinaven's editor explained.

Hoping to tie up the mystery's loose ends, La Porte's district attorney put Ray Lamphere, the displaced hired hand, on trial for killing Gunness on May 12.

The public's morbid obsession boiled over. The Lake Erie and Western Railroad ran excursion trains from Chicago and Indianapolis. The town of 3,000 had 10,000 visitors. Every hotel room in La Porte and Michigan City was booked. The jury, being sequestered, slept on cots set up in the courthouse.

The strategy of Lamphere's attorney was straightforward: He wasn't guilty because Gunness wasn't dead. That idea was given traction in the court of public opinion by reported sightings of her. Fearing her crimes would be discovered, she must have faked her death. The headless corpse was her last victim.

The prosecutor countered by showing jurors Gunness' teeth. The sheriff had hired a veteran gold prospector who ran ashes from the farmhouse through a sluice.

"They're found!" the sheriff shouted when Louis Schultz produced a pair of dental bridges that Gunness' dentist verified were hers.

But at the trial the defense said Gunness might have removed them and tossed them into the cellar to sustain her ruse of perishing in the flames. Each side produced expert witnesses who debated the possibility of a layperson plucking an upper and lower bridge from her gums.

The jurors began their deliberations on the eve of Thanksgiving and resumed them the next day. Ten thought him guilty; two didn't. So they compromised and found Lamphere guilty of arson.

Still, the townsfolk hoped he would fill in the blanks.

He'd confessed to the Rev. Edwin Schell, who gave him spiritual guidance in the La Porte County Jail. But Schell said that whatever Lamphere told him was inviolable: "If I should reveal this confidence, the ministry would be discredited and would lose some of their power to do good by hearing confessions."

Sentenced to a minimum of two years in the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, Lamphere neither publicly confessed nor proclaimed his innocence. There he died on Dec. 29, 1909, as the Tribune noted: "With the secrets of the Gunness murder farm buried forever in his breast."

Have an idea for Vintage Chicago Tribune? Share it with Ron Grossman and Marianne Mather at rgrossman@chicagotribune.com and mmather@chicagotribune.com.

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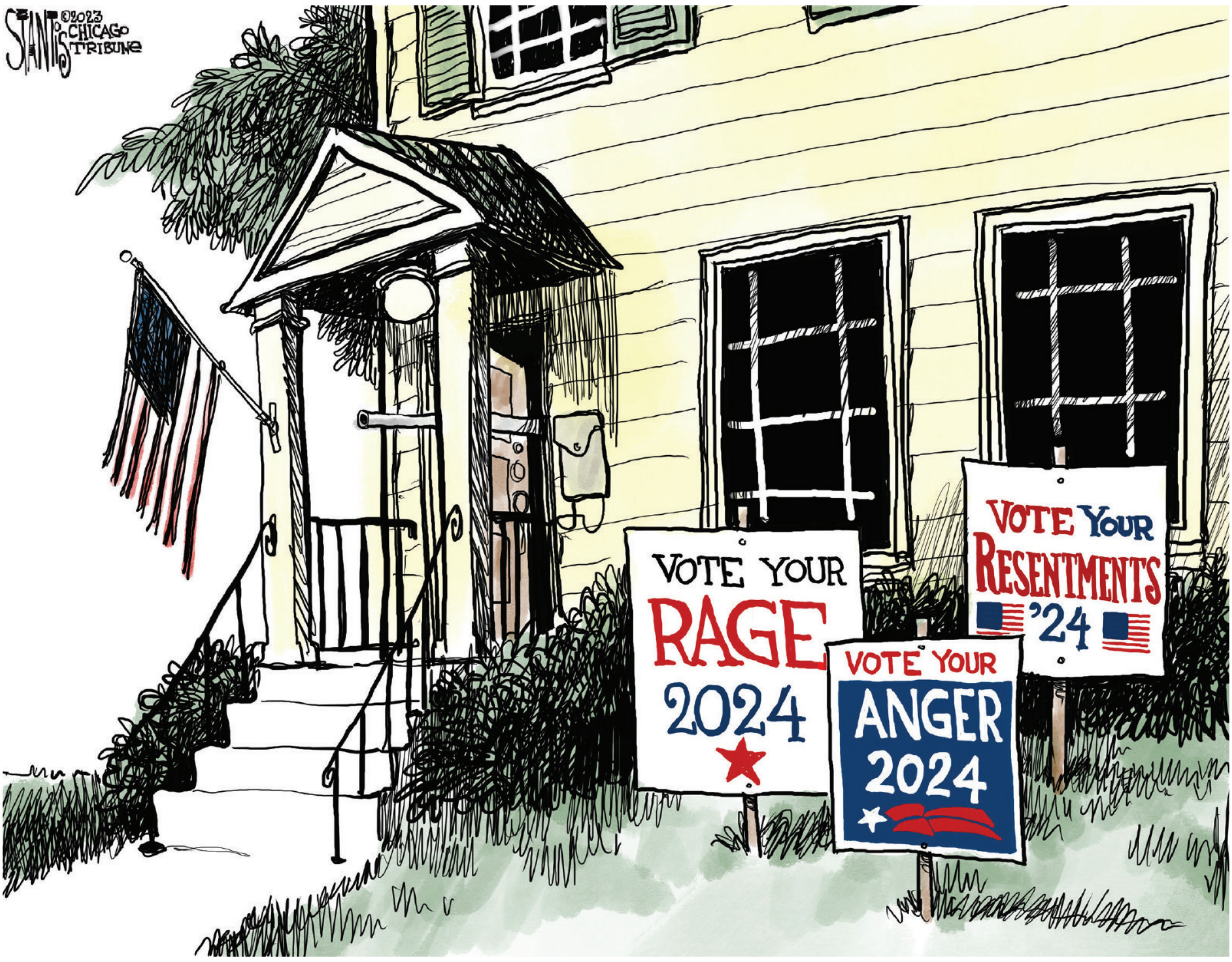

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Wrong-place shootings and a symptom of a divided, paranoid, armed-to-the-teeth America

Kinsley White, 6, shows reporters a wound on her face April 20 in Gastonia, North Carolina. A man shot and wounded the girl and her parents after children went to retrieve a basketball that had rolled into his yard, according to neighbors and the girl's family — another in a string of recent shootings sparked by seemingly trivial reasons. **KARA FOHNER/THE GASTON GAZETTE**

Ralph Yarl

Kaylin Gillis

Payton Washington

Someone knocks on the wrong door. An SUV pulls into the wrong driveway. A teen tries to get into the wrong car. A group of kids let a basketball roll into a neighbor's yard. These are everyday slip-ups, innocuous, benign — and in another time, quickly forgotten.

Sadly, as a horrified nation has seen in recent days, these momentary lapses can become tragedies in an America where all-too-prevalent is a *shoot first, ask questions later* mindset.

In Kansas City, Missouri, a 16-year-old was shot twice April 13 by a homeowner after the boy rang the wrong doorbell while trying to pick up his younger siblings. Ralph Yarl survived, and 84-year-old Andrew Lester has been charged in connection with the shooting.

Two days later, a 20-year-old woman was in an SUV with a group of friends when the vehicle turned into the wrong driveway in upstate New York. Police say a homeowner came out onto his porch wielding a shotgun and fired at the SUV as it was pulling away, killing Kaylin Gillis. Kevin Monahan, 65, has been charged with second-degree murder.

On April 18, a homeowner became enraged when children playing on a Gaston County, North Carolina, street let a basketball roll into the yard of a homeowner, who retrieved a gun from his house and fired, injuring a 6-year-old girl and her parents. Robert Louis Singletary, 24, has been charged in connection with the shooting.

That same day in Elgin, Texas, two high school cheerleaders were shot at a Texas supermarket parking lot after one of them mistakenly tried to get into the wrong car. The girls survived, though one was critically injured. Pedro Tello Rodriguez Jr., 25, was charged with felony deadly conduct.

In each case, the young victims meant no harm. They should have been encounters that ended with understanding and a brief exchange of pleasantries. Instead, they ended in violence. Needlessly.

Such encounters aren't the norm, of course. But they reflect an increasingly twitchy, angry, fear-filled America paranoid about violence, and prone to instinctively reach for a firearm — even if the perceived peril doesn't exist. Underpinning this paranoia is a toxic American political landscape that has sowed so much anger, fear and divisiveness.

There's also a more immediate component that troubles us. At least some of these incidents, so-called wrong address shootings, point to the pitfalls of "stand your ground" laws, along with the legal tenet known as "castle doctrine."

Stand your ground laws vary depending on the state, but in general they permit someone with a reasonable fear of being killed or seriously harmed to use lethal force in self-defense, rather than merely retreat in self-protection. Roughly 30 states have some form of a stand your ground law. Castle doctrine is a common law principle that justifies the use of deadly force by someone in order to protect their home, themselves and other people who live at that home.

Stand your ground laws were thrust into the spotlight in 2012, when Trayvon Martin, an unarmed 17-year-old, was shot to death by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer at a gated community near Orlando, Florida.

A jury acquitted Zimmerman of murder and manslaughter charges, essentially deciding he had acted in self-defense. We raised questions about such laws during the uproar over Martin's death, and we are even more disturbed by them in the wake of the most recent wrong address shootings.

There's nothing wrong with having laws on the books that uphold the right to self-defense — and give that right sensible boundaries. But we fear that in America's current divisive, armed-to-the-teeth climate, it's too easy to use those laws as license to vent rage and hate, especially when racial prejudice is part of the mix. An obvious need exists to define much more clearly what is and is not legally justifiable self-defense. And it's clear that state legislatures should take a second look at stand-your-ground laws, and shelve them if they're doing more harm than good.

We also hope that, as the 2024 election season approaches, the candidates make the healing of America a paramount mission. It may sound like fantasy, but by no means should it be.

A main perpetrator of America's caustic dynamic is, of course, former President Donald Trump, whom we don't expect to reform anytime soon. Trump will be Trump, which means he will continue to divide and foment because it's a political strategy that has paid off for him. Or so he believes.

But everyone else in the race should realize that past political messaging has helped turn America into a country on edge — which means political messaging in the upcoming campaign should strive to unify. Neither side of American politics has made any strides toward that goal. When he became president, Joe Biden pledged to cleanse the country of its divisiveness, and it's clear the country hasn't moved the needle when it comes to unity.

This country has myriad problems and crises on its agenda, and they'll all have their rightful place as campaign issues when election season rolls around. But this toxicity in how Americans interact with each other is deeply worrisome, which is why it should be at the forefront of crises that the 2024 presidential candidates must confront.

ABOUT DIANNE FEINSTEIN

We do not envy Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

California's longest serving senator and the most senior member of the U.S. Senate planned to finish her term and retire after the 2024 election. But a bad case of shingles has left her sidelined at home in San Francisco since early March, unable to travel to Washington and with no clear indication of when she might improve enough to go back to work. Her absence wouldn't be a big deal except that in the closely divided Senate, Feinstein is a crucial Democrat vote, particularly on President Joe Biden's judicial appointments. A dozen nominees had been awaiting a vote in the Judiciary Committee; seven were approved by the committee on Thursday.

With Feinstein absent, the panel is evenly split and Biden's picks cannot move forward without GOP support — which is no certainty these days given the partisan and ideological battle for influence in the courts. …

Federal judges have lifetime appointments, so Democrats have little recourse except to fill vacancies with appointees who will not roll back decades of bodily autonomy and gun control or support intolerance and discrimination — when they have the power to do so. As long as Feinstein is unable to work, they don't have that power, and that's a situation that cannot continue.

… With the balance of power so tenuous in Washington and the stakes so high at every election, there's no leeway to keep missing critical votes. We wish Feinstein well in the coming days as she considers perhaps the most difficult decision of her long, storied career.

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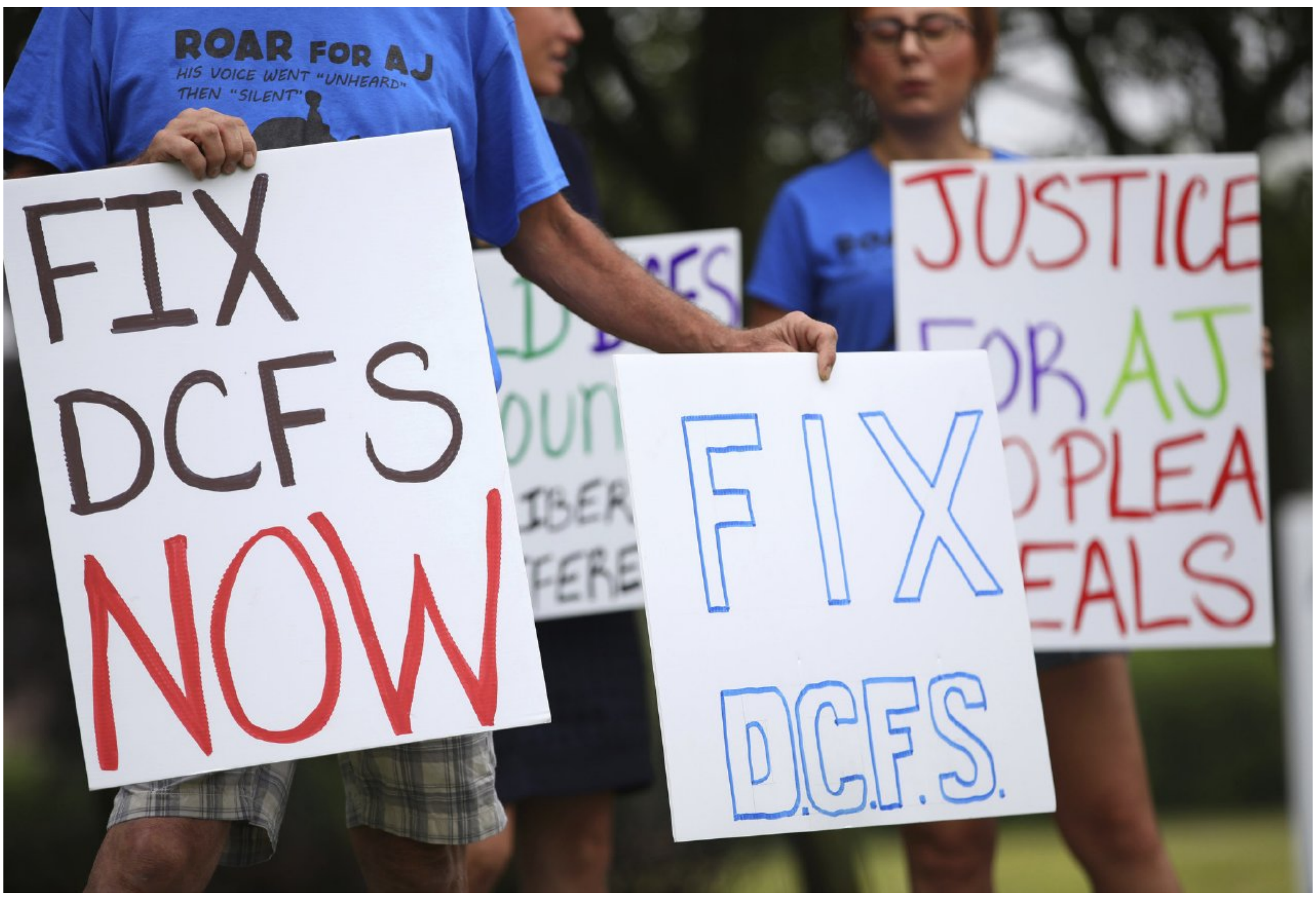
OPINION

A first step for children in Illinois DCFS? Give them a lawyer.

By Lakesia Collins and Ann Gillespie



Members of the group ROAR for AJ protest outside the McHenry County Government Center on July 16, 2019, in Woodstock. One step that can be taken to improve the child welfare system in Illinois is to assure that every child in the system has a lawyer. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

The headlines sadly are all too familiar.

With disturbing frequency, news outlets report the problems experienced by children under the care of Illinois' Department of Children and Family Services.

Children are left in psychiatric hospitals for long periods of time after they have finished with necessary care. Other children taken into care are forced to sleep in DCFS offices while awaiting placement. And dozens of children died last year after contact with the DCFS system.

As policymakers, we want DCFS to serve each child under its care in a thoughtful and individualized way. And we know that addressing the full panoply of issues confronting the child welfare system in Illinois is the subject of a longtime federal consent decree, a process that will take time and cooperation from experts, the courts and those of us in the legislature. We are committed to working in Springfield to do all we can to identify and address problems.

But there are concrete, basic steps we can take in the interim. One step is to assure that every child in this complex system has their own lawyer, articulating the specific needs and desires of the child in court hearings and other settings.

This idea may seem obvious — after all, we recognize the critical nature of having a lawyer vigorously advocating for someone facing a criminal charge. Given the stakes in juvenile court for young people in DCFS custody — where they will live and whether it will be with the person they love — this can be life-altering.

Children's attorneys are specially trained not just to explain and advise their clients about ongoing proceedings and possible outcomes, but they also can articulate the individual needs and hopes of their clients. In short, they make sure the voice of the child, who is at the center of the proceedings, is heard.

Most people might be surprised to learn that Illinois is just one of seven states that currently don't guarantee legal counsel for any children in abuse and neglect court proceedings. This is especially disappointing given the fact that at the tail end of the 19th century, Illinois recognized that youths needed to be treated separately in our legal system, creating the very first juvenile court system in the country.

While Illinois lags in assuring lawyers in family decisions, every other state has copied the Illinois juvenile court, aimed at addressing the unique needs of children.

It is time for Illinois to move forward with this idea already recognized as best practice by experts and legal organizations across the country.

The fact is that getting lawyers for these children actually works. We know children who have their own lawyer experience better results in the system. These are not small improvements; they are meaningful.

Children with their own lawyers spend far less time in foster care or group settings. They experience a shorter time to adoption or guardianship and more successful family reunifications — which must always be our first goal.

This not idle speculation. It is fact demonstrable by data — children with legal counsel are 40% more likely to leave the foster care system in the first six months.

A full 45% of these children are more likely to be reunited with their biological parents, and because these children experience fewer placements 65% of such children are not compelled to change schools.

All these measures are significant in the aggregate, but they have a profound, positive impact on an individual child's life. And we can begin to see these positive outcomes in our state if Illinois adopts a plan to provide legal counsel for children in these proceedings.

Last month the Illinois Senate unanimously approved Senate Bill 1478, which would create a right for all children to get access to counsel when they are placed in DCFS custody. These lawyers not only would speak directly for children in these complex settings but also would hold the state agencies accountable and help judges make the best possible decisions with accurate, relevant and complete information.

As the House takes up this measure, some are suggesting that rather than moving forward, we should create a study group to further analyze this idea. But what is there left to study?

With groups such as the American Bar Association, the Children's Defense Fund, the Children's Advocacy Institute and the National Center for Youth Law all endorsing legal representation for youths in care, the time for study is behind us. It is time to move forward with steps that will improve DCFS operations for children across Illinois.

State Rep. Lakesia Collins of Chicago represents Illinois' 9th District, and state Sen. Ann Gillespie of Arlington Heights represents the 27th District.

US can help safeguard human rights, restore peace in Sudan

By Bincheng Mao

People flee their neighborhoods amid fighting between the army and paramilitaries in Khartoum, Sudan, on April 19 following the collapse of a 24-hour truce. **GETTY-AFP**

The sounds of gunfire echo through the once-bustling University of Khartoum campus in Sudan, as students huddle fearfully within the library's hallowed walls. The same halls that once cradled dreams of a brighter future now serve as a precarious sanctuary from the unyielding onslaught tearing the country apart. Amid dwindling food and water supplies, these young souls bear witness to the ruthless conflict between the Sudanese military and paramilitary group the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) — both groups once implicated in alleged crimes against humanity in Darfur.

As the struggle for power rages on, innocent people throughout Sudan are paying the ultimate price. Now, more than ever, the international community must seize this pivotal moment to restore peace and protect the vulnerable in the beleaguered nation.

The United States cannot afford to stand by as civilians in Sudan suffer. It has the capacity and the moral responsibility to leverage its influence and resources for peace. By engaging with regional actors and implementing targeted economic strategies, the U.S. can apply pressure on the warring factions, forge incentives for peace and safeguard the human rights of ordinary people.

In particular, the Biden administration would be wise to collaborate with the regional organization the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), bolstering its role as a mediator in a unified peace initiative. Though it may not be as well known outside Eastern Africa, IGAD is uniquely positioned to bring the warring parties to the table and facilitate dialogue in Sudan. As a group that encompasses eight Horn of Africa countries, it bears some resemblance to the European Economic Community, the precursor to the European Union, in its developmental focus and its perception of neutrality within local dynamics. In the past decade, the IGAD-led peace processes in South Sudan and Somalia have also solidified the organization's mandate in mediating complex conflicts.

The U.S., conversely, has a more complicated history with Sudan. Local communities have in the past perceived the U.S.' decadeslong trade embargo, implemented in response to terrorism in the country, as hurtful to the Sudanese population. This fostered feelings of antagonism toward the U.S. that have lingered. Furthermore, since the conflict erupted last week, an American diplomatic convoy has been attacked in Khartoum, despite the vehicles displaying U.S. markings such as flags and diplomatic license plates.

The status quo presents an opportunity for the U.S. to augment its influence and credibility in Africa, which will yield dividends. The U.S. can help strengthen IGAD's logistical capacity by implementing confidence-building measures between warring factions in Sudan. This would create a more conducive environment for negotiations. The U.S. can provide the technologies and expertise that empower IGAD to set up monitoring and verification teams to maintain cease-fires and establish a reliable communication channel between the Sudanese military and the RSF, reducing the risk of misunderstandings.

The U.S. can also mobilize humanitarian resources, including food, water and medicine, more efficiently than IGAD member states such as Somalia, which is facing its own fragile political and security situation. The U.S. can also harness its influence outside the region to garner international diplomatic support, pressing the warring parties.

Some of these pressures could center on economic actions. The U.S.' influence among European and Asian allies can enable the mediators to make a credible threat of economic sanctions against the leaders of the Sudanese military and the RSF, deterring them from attacking civilians or breaking cease-fire agreements. These sanctions should be tailor-made to avoid harming the Sudanese public and instead isolate military leaders from the international financial system and hinder their ability to fund their operations. Additionally, the U.S. can restrict arms sales to the warring factions, reducing their capacity to perpetrate violence and commit human rights abuses.

Conditional financial assistance offers another avenue for the U.S. to promote peace in Sudan. By providing financial support to Sudan, contingent on its commitment to implementing a cease-fire, allowing humanitarian access and engaging in peace negotiations, the U.S. and its allies can create incentives for the authorities to take concrete steps toward peace. This assistance could take various forms, such as funding for hospitals and other lifesaving facilities, or support for capacity-building programs.

While the world observes the unfolding events from a distance, my heart aches for the countless innocent civilians who are caught in the crossfire. Merely two weeks before the violence erupted, I was eager to learn about life in Africa and became engrossed in the blog of an international student studying Arabic in Khartoum. His initial posts showcased the vibrant local culture, highlighting the distinctive cuisine and his dormitory experiences. However, as the situation deteriorated, his accounts shifted to chilling tales of ferocious firefights mere kilometers from his dorm, and the heart-wrenching news of his female classmates' residential building being hit by a rocket. This stark transformation in his narrative has humanized the devastating impact of the conflict for me.

As Muslims around the world celebrated Eid al-Fitr, which ends the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, millions of innocent civilians in Sudan are yearning to come together in peace and unity. By securing humanitarian cease-fires and fostering peace talks, the U.S. can ensure that this Eid al-Fitr becomes a turning point for peace and stability for Sudan and the Horn of Africa region.

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OBITUARIES

LOWELL SACHNOFF

Prominent longtime lawyer dies in his Evanston home at the age of 92

By Bob Goldsborough
For Chicago Tribune

Though his bread and butter came from securities law, longtime Chicago attorney Lowell Sachnoff frequently used his legal skills to advocate for the poor and disenfranchised.

Among the clients Sachnoff advocated for were women who had been illegally strip-searched by the Chicago police, and prisoners at Guantanamo Bay.

"He's the kind of person you love to work with, because he was always very helpful to people. You'd go to see him with a problem, and his first remark was always, 'What can I do to help?' " recalled retired lawyer Leonard Schrager, who practiced alongside Sachnoff for 20 years.

Sachnoff, 92, died of natural causes on March 21 at his home in Evanston, said his daughter, Kate. He had been a longtime Evanston resident.

Born in Chicago to Ukrainian immigrant parents who had immigrated to the U.S. to escape pogroms, Sachnoff grew up in Chicago's Maxwell Street neighborhood. He later moved north with his family to the West Rogers Park neighborhood and then to Rogers Park.

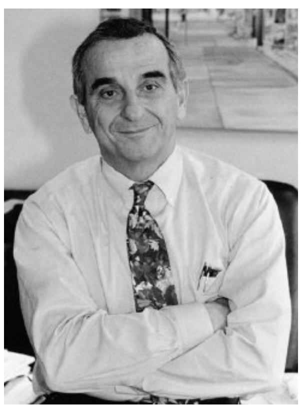
Sachnoff graduated in 1948 from Senn High School, where he swam competitively. He also worked during high school as a beach lifeguard.

Sachnoff earned a bachelor's degree in 1952 from Harvard University, where he was captain of the swim team. Sachnoff served in the Navy during the Korean War, working in the Office of Naval Intelligence and rising to the level of lieutenant commander. After the war, Sachnoff earned a law degree from Harvard Law School in 1957.

Sachnoff began his career practicing securities law, and he worked first for the Chicago law firm then known as Ross, McGowan & O'Keefe. He left that firm in 1961 to become the executive assistant to the state welfare department head, Francis Gerty. For a time in 1961, Sachnoff ran that state department entirely while Gerty was recovering from an operation and after the assistant director had resigned under fire.

Then-Gov. Otto Kerner next appointed Sachnoff to be the general counsel for the State Department of Mental Health, and in that role, he drafted the state's new mental health code, including expanding the rights of those with mental health diagnoses and developmental disabilities.

In 1963, Sachnoff left state government to cofound a law firm known at that time as Sachnoff, Schrager, Jones and Weaver and later as Sachnoff & Weaver. Sachnoff's early clients were an eclectic mix of enterprises, including the Lake in the Hills Water Company. A top securities specialist, Sachnoff was skilled in representing plaintiffs in class action lawsuits — particularly in securities cases — such as a class action suit he led that netted a $3.5 million settlement from the accounting firm auditing the books of a company that had committed a $25 million inventory fraud in the early 1970s.



Attorney Lowell E. Sachnoff on Dec. 13, 1991, in his Sachnoff & Weaver 29th-floor office at 30 S. Wacker Drive in Chicago. **WALTER KALE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Sachnoff represented a variety of corporate clients as well, including Marshall Field & Co., Marmon Group, American National Bank & Trust Co. and Dunlop Tire and Rubber Co., and he also represented the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. One of Sachnoff's early mentors was business owner and lawyer A.N. Pritzker, the grandfather of Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, and later in his career, Sachnoff represented Marmon Group founder Robert Pritzker, who was the governor's uncle.

Apart from securities cases, Sachnoff's law firm often represented marginalized groups. In 1981, his firm took on the case of Karen Ulane, a transgender pilot fired by Eastern Airlines despite a stellar work record and a record of conviviality with her colleagues. Sachnoff's future wife, Fay Clayton, and litigator Dean Dickie represented Ulane and alleged that her firing was unlawful employment discrimination.

Ulane prevailed in federal trial court, but her case was overturned on appeal by the Chicago-based 7th Circuit in 1984. More than three decades later, in 2017, the 7th Circuit ruled that federal sex discrimination laws also protect transgender employees against discrimination.

Sachnoff argued other controversial cases involving women's rights. With Clayton, he won a $25,000 settlement in federal court in 1982 from the City of Chicago for an Evanston woman who was subjected to a strip search by Chicago police after being stopped for driving through a red light. Sachnoff then was the lead attorney for other women who had been stopped and strip searched by Chicago police, and in 1984, Sachnoff's firm donated the $56,000 in legal fees that it had collected from those cases to the American Civil Liberties Union.

In 1985, Illinois' two U.S. senators briefly floated Sachnoff's name as a pick for a federal judgeship in Chicago, despite the fact that Sachnoff was a Democrat and a Republican, Ronald Reagan, was in the White House.

Beginning in 1986, Sachnoff and Clayton led a federal class-action lawsuit on behalf of the National Organization for Women charging anti-abortion activists who were blockading abortion clinics with a conspiracy of extortion and violence to close abortion clinics. The suit finally went to trial in 1998, and NOW prevailed, with a federal trial court judge issuing a 12-year injunction blocking protesters from impeding access to abortion clinics.

Outraged by the number of prisoners from Muslim countries who were housed in the U.S.' prison at Guantanamo Bay, Sachnoff began representing the first of four detainees at the prison in 2006 that they would represent, and eventually, he and his firm's colleagues successfully negotiated the release of all four prisoners held there who had never been charged with a crime. Sachnoff & Weaver became one of the first law firms in the nation to represent prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay.

Jack Block, a former colleague at Sachnoff & Weaver, was one of a group of litigators who worked closely with Sachnoff.

"He was our leader, our mentor and our friend, and he was someone who the people who worked with him had great affection and admiration for him in terms of not only his legal practice and his brilliance, but he also always asked us to pursue the cause of justice and was very supportive of doing public interest work and pro bono work," Block said. "And he was always there for us. To have somebody as brilliant and thoughtful as Lowell available to us to run ideas by or to edit our briefs just made us feel so much more capable as lawyers, and I think that he really appreciated the growth that we had that he was in many respects responsible for."

In 2007, Sachnoff merged his law firm — which by that time numbered 130 lawyers — with the international law firm Reed Smith.

Sachnoff argued his final pro bono case when he was 90 years old. He represented a transgender woman who was a patient in an Illinois state psychiatric hospital, and he successfully contended that the Illinois Department of Human Services had a legal obligation to provide the woman with transition medical services.

Sachnoff helped to found the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights in 1969 after riots, violence and mass arrests that had ensued in response to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He later served on the group's board for many years, including as its board chair, and he was awarded the group's lifetime achievement award. Sachnoff litigated cases for that committee and also litigated cases for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Sachnoff retired from practicing law at age 90. After retiring, he continued lobbying elected representatives to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay. He also served on the board of the Chicago-based Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists from 2005 until 2014 and again from 2015 until 2020.

Last fall, the Chicago Bar Association honored Sachnoff with its Justice John Paul Stevens Award.

Outside of work, Sachnoff enjoyed studying Russian, taking adult education classes at Northwestern University, playing poker, working on political campaigns, attending theater, reading and writing poetry, baking challah, growing vegetables and cooking, his daughter said. He also played tennis into his late 80s, she said.

Two previous marriages ended in divorce. In addition to his daughter, Sachnoff is survived by his wife of 36 years, Fay Clayton; two sons, Scott and Marc; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and two stepdaughters, Kim Clayton Giese and Suzanne Clayton.

A memorial service will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 23 at The Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, 303 Dodge Avenue, Evanston.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter for the Chicago Tribune.

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ON APRIL 23 ...

In 1564 English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare is believed to have been born; he died 52 years later, also on April 23.

In 1954 Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his 755 major-league home runs. in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals.

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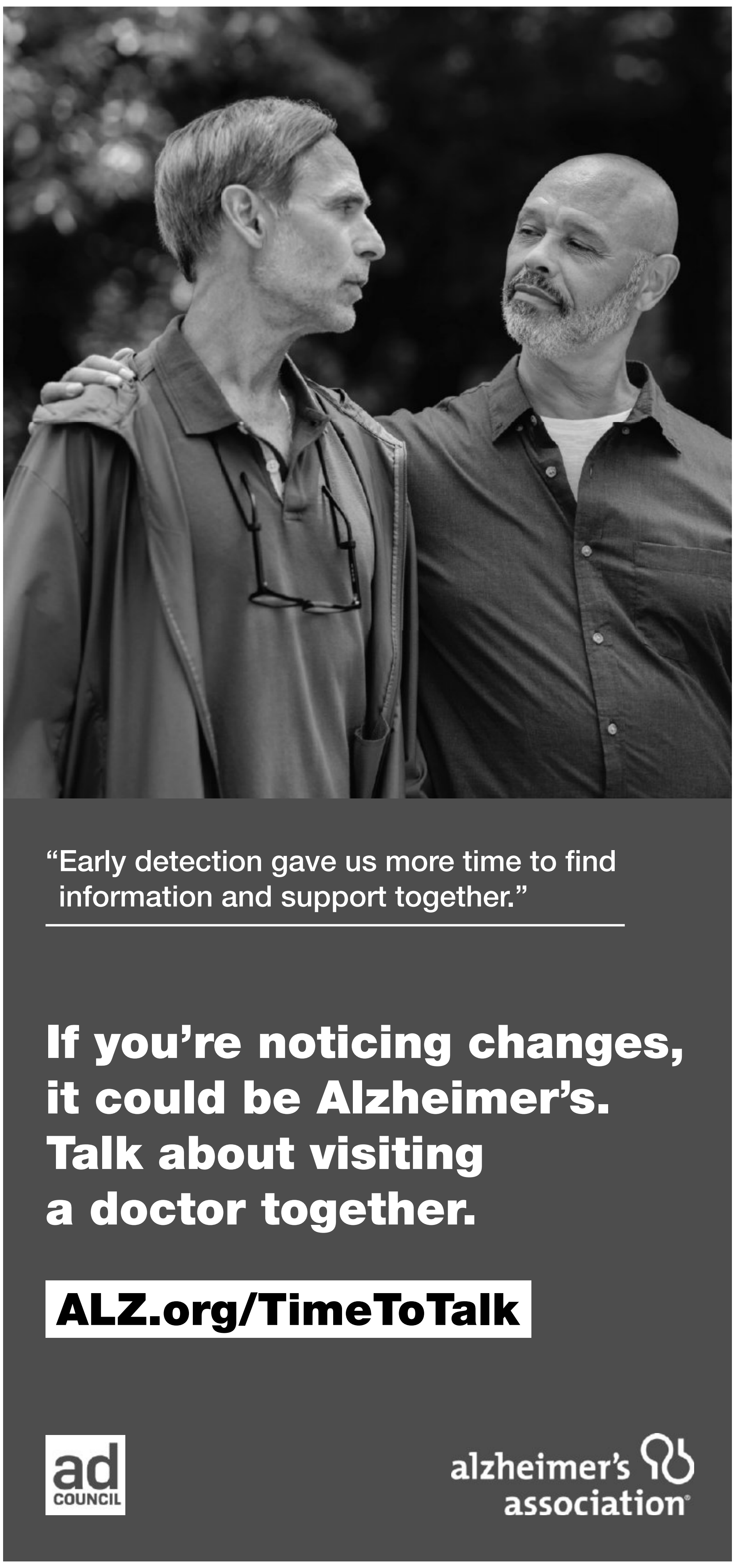
In 1993 labor leader Cesar Chavez died in San Luis, Ariz.; he was 66.

In 2008 the Chicago Cubs won their 10,000th game, joining only the Giants franchise in reaching that mark.



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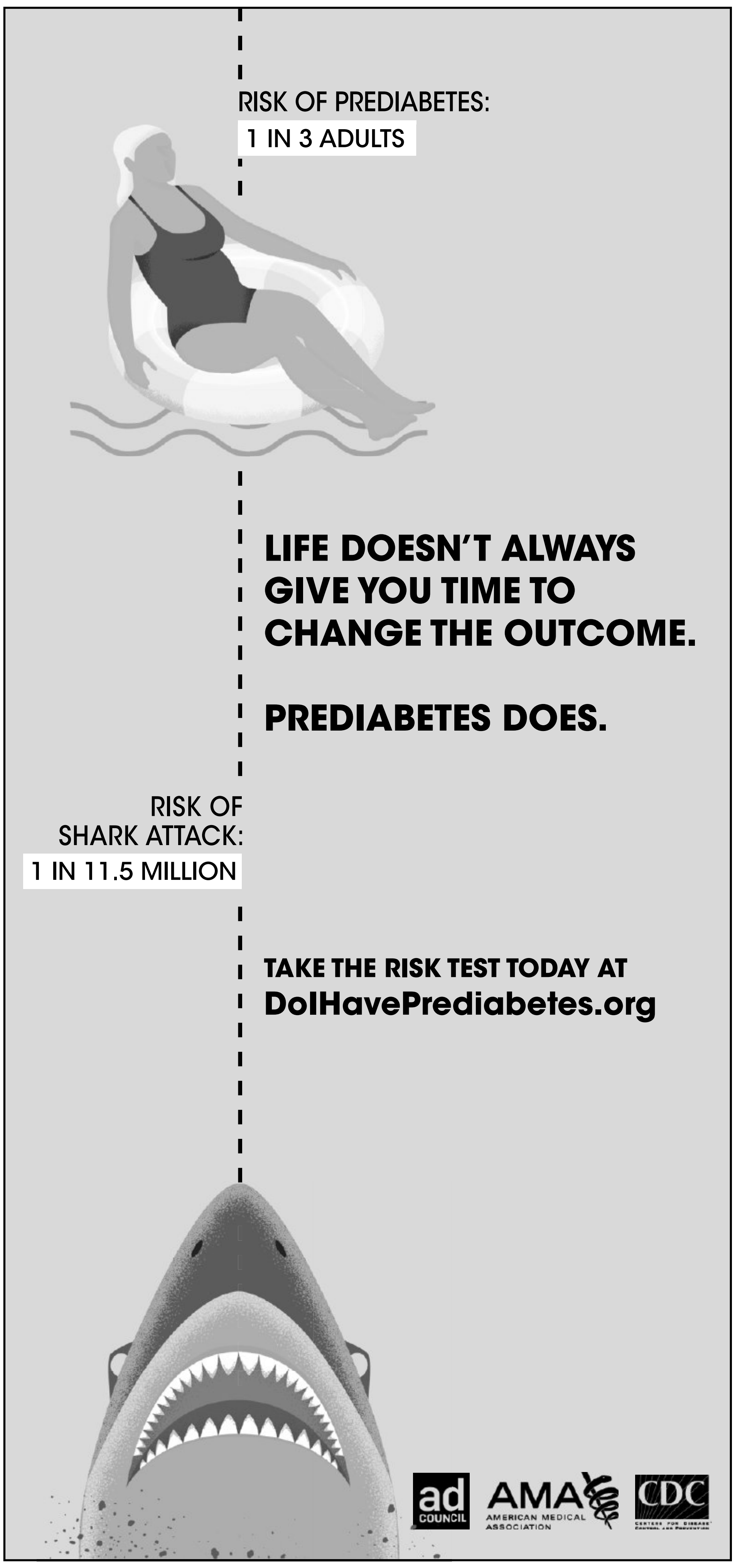

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Artemas, Rev. Angelo

Rev. Protopresbyter Angelo Artemas, formerly of Northbrook, IL, fell asleep in the Lord on April 20, 2023, after a short but powerful fight with cancer (glioblastoma). Father Angelo is survived by his loving and dedicated wife Patricia and their adored daughters Katie (New York), Maria (New York), and Eleni and son-in-law Brandon Putre (Denver). Fr. Angelo was the former priest at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Glenview, IL. Fr. Angelo will always be revered for his strong moral ethics and convictions. In every decision he made, he stayed firm in his Orthodox Christian belief to always serve his faith and his family with truth and love. Behind every decision was both a humble and humorous spirit, always being the first to find light and levity during difficult times. Visitation on Wednesday April 26, 2023, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with a Trisagion Service at 7:00 p.m. Funeral, Thursday, April 27, 2023; Orthros 8:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Service, 11:00 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road Glenview, IL 60025. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Project Mexico, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, or the charity of your choice. Info donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990

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Beutler, Adrienne

Adrienne Beutler, age 84, loving daughter of the late Albert and Virginia; cherished sister of Karen (Joseph) Flasch; beloved aunt of Diane Flasch, Nicole (Justin) Jamison, and Alexandra (Fiancé Adam Poniatowski) Flasch; great aunt of Jacob and Audrey Jamison. Funeral Friday 10:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 South Cass Avenue, Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church, Mass 11:00 A.M. Ent. Resurrection Mausoleum. Visitation Thursday 4 to 8 P.M. In lieu of flowers donations to Catholic Charities Appreciated. For info. 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Biederman, Heidi Keye

Heidi Keye Biederman, 83, of St. Charles, Illinois, passed away peacefully on April 20, 2023, surrounded by her family.

She was born on March 29, 1940 in Pleasant Ridge, Michigan to the late Vernon and Elizabeth Keye. She was the third generation of her family to graduate from Beloit College, and it is also where she met her husband, William Biederman (84). They raised their two children, William (55) and Robert (51) in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Heidi worked tirelessly to ensure that all students have a quality education and was instrumental in passing legislation that improved the lives of countless children. She served as the first Executive Director of the Large Unit District Association (LUDA), where she represented the largest school districts in Illinois. She also worked for the Illinois Association of School Boards. Heidi was an elected Board Member and President of School District 41 from 1976-81. She began her career as a first grade teacher and kept in touch with many of her students throughout her life.

Heidi embraced every moment of retirement where she traveled, followed her artistic passions and worshiped her grandchildren Jake (21), Elizabeth (17), Kate (16) and Abby (13). She was grateful to have daughters through marriage in Kim (51) and Amber (50). She enthusiastically appreciated beauty both in the arts and in nature, especially at her family home in Omena, MI. Heidi showered her family and friends with unconditional love and overwhelming positivity, and touched the lives of everyone she met.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 11:00 AM at the First Congregational Church, 535 Forest Ave, Glen Ellyn, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to the Omena Village Preservation Association, https://omenapreservation.org/contribute/.

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Brosnan, Patrick Anthony

Patrick Anthony Brosnan, 80, U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, Purple Heart recipient. Native of Knockbrack, Knocknagoshel, Co. Kerry, Ireland; devoted son of the late Jack "Flurry" and Mary Kate nee Mangan; loving brother of the late Florence, Hannah Mai (Keith) Webster, Michael, John "Jack" (the late Johanna Maria) and Christy Brosnan (Kathleen); cherished uncle of Catherine Mary, Patrick, Aiden, Giles, John, Hannah, Thomas, Mary, Gerard, Patrick, Maria, John, Timmy, Mikey, Patrick, Brendan, Noel, Mary, Catríona; dear cousin, great uncle, friend and neighbor; Proud former member of Union Local 399 Operating Engineers, Local 7 Firemen and Oilers, former elevated train motorman and conductor with CTA. Visitation Friday, April 28th 10 AM until Mass 11 AM at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, 8033 W. Addison, Chicago. Interment at a later date in Knockane Cemetery, Knocknagoshel, Co. Kerry, Ireland. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Misericordia. Arrangements entrusted to **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**. For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com

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Brown, James

James Brown; beloved husband of Patricia nee Stark; loving father of Jimmy Brown and Vicky (Lowell) Hawes; dear brother of Betty Ann (Pat) Quinn, Jack (the late Ellen) Brown, Kathy (Butch) Nix, Carol (Dave) Pitzer, Michael (Pixie) Brown, Patti (Larry) Hall, the late Peggy and Annie; fond uncle and cousin of many; Visitation Wednesday 4-8 PM at **Gibbons Family Funeral Home** 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (1/2 Block East of Austin). Family & friends will meet for Mass, Thursday 10:30 AM at St. Pascal Church (Melvina & Irving Park Rd). Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of your choosing. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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Campe, Rita McFadden

Just two months shy of her 94th birthday, Rita McFadden Campe died at home surrounded by her family. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Bill Campe, and son-in-law, Joe Montcalm. She is survived by her 8 kids: Chris, Beth Montcalm, Bob (Courtney), Bill (Julie), Pat (Lisa), Eileen (Bob Vincenti), Mary (Christoper Lyons) and Jen (Mark Huntzinger), and 18 grandchildren: Erin, Maggie, Samantha, Alex, Mary, Casey, Sean, Megan, Melissa, Emily, Angelica, Ava, Jack, Dave, Mike, Johnny, Lily, and James. She was blessed to also have 5 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Rita had an insatiable curiosity. She was a lifelong learner who loved poetry, reading and travel. Her Irish heritage was a source of pride and joy for her, as was her deep love of music and dance. She loved to share her interests and her experiences with her family and many friends and always had time to listen and offer her wisdom. Her profound spirituality and love of God provided comfort and meaning to herself and others. We are grateful for her long life and wish her peace on the next phase of her journey.

The celebration of her life will begin with a service on Sunday, May 21 at noon, at 717 Grange Court, Wheaton, Illinois, home of Jennifer Campe, followed by lunch and reminiscing. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Care for Real.

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Carroll, Kathleen F. 'Kathy'

Kathleen F. Carroll nee Brookbank, age 74 of Naperville, IL, formally Hinsdale, IL, peacefully passed away Tues. April 18, 2023, surrounded by her family. She was born Dec. 13, 1948, to her late loving parents, Thomas Brookbank and Laverne Cichy (Edward). Loving wife and best friend of 55 years to John "Jack" Carroll. Beloved mother to John (late wife Joyce) Carroll and Maureen (James) Schuler. Adored grandma to Jack and Claire Schuler. Kathy was a 1967 graduate of Morton West High School in Berwyn, IL.. Kathy held many jobs including hairstylist, preschool teacher, and teacher's aide but her most important role in her life was that of mother and grandmother. Her family was always her number one priority. Her schedule was constantly filled with her children's and grandchildren's sporting events, recitals, and class plays. Her grandchildren were the joy of her life. Kathy was a former president of the Hinsdale Women's Garden Study Club along with being the former president of Monroe School P.T.O. She also was tirelessly involved, and a former board member, with the Hinsdale Chapter of the Art Institute of Chicago. Her home and garden were her pride and joy reflecting her creativity and artistic talents. Dear sister of Edward (Robin)Cichy, Colleen (Frank)Cvitanovich, Susan (John)Marbes, Mark (Penny)Cichy, and Arthur (Joy)Cichy. Dear Sister-in-law of Carol (late George) Hofmann, Marcy (late Jerry) Sylvester, Dean (Karen)Carroll, Wayne (Susan) Carroll, Debbie Letamendi, late Paul Carroll, and late Diane (James)Conway. Beloved aunt of 23 nieces and nephews. A memorial to celebrate Kathy's life is being planned for a later date this Summer. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (sccf.org) to honor Kathy and her family's love for Sanibel Island. Interment is private. Arrangements entrusted to **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL 60540. Info: 630-355-0213 or www.friedrich-jones.com

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Cecil, Michael David

Michael David Cecil, a long-time Wheaton resident, passed away on April 9, 2023. He was born on November 30, 1939 in Owensboro, Kentucky to Anthony and Lucy Cecil. Mike is survived by his children Miki (Mike) Brierty, Beth Cecil, Bill (Andrea) Cecil, Sarah Cecil (Rob Martin) and Phil (Karie) Cecil. Also survived by twelve grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, his sister Mary Lucy (Charlie) Adams and his brother Jack Cecil. Mike is predeceased by the love of his life and wife of 52 years, Anna Cecil. While being a dedicated husband and father, Mike had a successful career with Sears Roebuck and Company, starting with a part time job in the Men's department and ending his career as the National Director of Sales and Marketing. Mike found great joy in spending time with his family. Mike's children benefited from, and will be forever inspired by his commendable work ethic, wisdom, courage, strong faith and infectious sense of humor. Mike will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Family and friends will celebrate his life at St. Michael Catholic Church, 310 S. Wheaton Ave., Wheaton, Il 60187, on Saturday, April 29th, with visitation from 9am – 10am, followed by a funeral mass at 10am. A private burial will be held by the family following the funeral mass. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Mike's name to Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph: 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, Kentucky 42356-9999. 270-229-4103. www. Ursulinesmsj.org. Funeral info (630)668-0016 or www.williams-kampp.com

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Chmielewski, Judith Ann

Judith Ann Chmielewski, 81, of Woodstock passed away unexpectedly on April 12, 2023. She was born on February 14, 1942 in Chicago, IL. Judith is survived by her daughter, Amanda & son-in -law Tiago Dos Santos; grandchildren Chloe, Madelyn, & Christian. A graveside ceremony and burial will take place on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 11:30 AM at Windridge Memorial Park, 7014 S Rawson Bridge Rd, Cary, IL, with a celebration of life to follow immediately. Please visit **www.davenportfamily.com** for full obituary & condolences.

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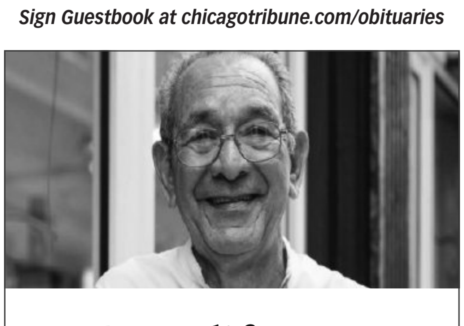

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Cortina, Mario J 'Sonny'

Mario J. (Sonny) Cortina, age 91, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2023. Cherished husband of the late Diana (nee Blancato). Loving father of James, Maria, Julie, and Joseph. Adored grandfather of Grace, Nicole, and Catherine. Son of the late James and Rosa (Maiuri). Brother of the late Frances (the late Thomas) Mangos, the late Lucy (the late Richard) Russell, and the late Antoinette Cortina. Beloved uncle, cousin, and friend. Mario was a proud 1949 graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep. He served in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1954. Afterwards he worked and ran his tavern, The Night Owl Lounge, until he met and married Diana. Mario earned an undergraduate degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology and an MBA from Rosary College. Mario had a long, successful career in purchasing. When not working, he volunteered for whatever activities Diana, his children, or grandchildren were involved in – coaching pee-wee football; providing endless rides to and support at scout meetings, school groups, and sporting events; serving on his parish council; and helping operate a (semi-legal) weekly bingo night to raise money for his children's school. Mario spent the last few years living at the Concord Place Retirement Community where he made great friends, participated in many activities, and was very well looked after by the entire staff. Visitation Monday, April 24 4pm -7pm at **Carbonara Funeral Home**, 1515 N 25th Ave Melrose Park IL. Burial Tuesday, April 25 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood IL – meet at the cemetery at 12:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Resident's Club – checks or money orders payable to Resident's Club can be sent to Concord Place Retirement Community c/o Cheryle Seiling, 401 W Lake St Apt 1038 Northlake IL 60164. Mario will be greatly missed and remembered fondly for his always present smile, never-ending good humor, boundless generosity, bottomless supply of tales about his life's adventures, and love of all good things in life.

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Cybulski, Kathleen Marie

Kathleen Marie (Finnegan) Cybulski, 67, of Berwyn, IL, passed away on April 14, 2023 with her family by her side, after bravely battling cancer.

Born to the late Bernard Finnegan and Lucille Finnegan on October 20, 1955 in Chicago, IL Kathy graduated from Nazareth High School in 1973 and met her devoted husband Timothy while they were working together at Richard's Lilac Lodge.The two soon fell in love, marrying on November 21, 1976, and were the very best of friends, remaining inseparable for over 47 years of marriage. The couple were blessed with two sons; Christopher (1980) and Daniel (1982). Kathy was a devoted and loving mom to two mischievous and athletic boys. She wouldn't miss an opportunity to cheer them on from the soccer field sideline or hockey rink bench and would never let a bad penalty go unchallenged. Whether rescuing a dog, feeding her backyard squirrels or admiring the ducks that would make their way to her pool each year, Kathy had a true love for all animals. She even spent time as a docent for the Brookfield Zoo. Always ready for the next challenge, she headed back to school in 1994 to earn a degree as a certified surgical technologist, eventually graduating as the valedictorian of her class. She spent 25 years at Lurie Children's Hospital before hanging up her surgical gown in 2020 to enjoy her grandchildren and spend time traveling and tending to her beautiful garden.

Kathleen is survived by her adoring husband, Timothy, sons; Christopher (Leah) and Daniel (Victoria), grandchildren; Beckett, Emery, Sophia and Harrison, and sister Sharon. Our hearts are broken by the sudden loss of our beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend.

A celebration of life service will be held 6:00 pm at Adolf Funeral Home 7000 S. Madison Street, Willowbrook on Friday April 28, 2023. Visitation from 3 to 8 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations for research to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (cff.org), an organization dear to the Cybulski family. Information: 630-325-2300 or adolfservices.com

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Datta, Rathin

Dr. Rathin Datta, 74 years old, died in Chicago on the morning of April 17, 2023, after a very brief and unexpected illness. He died holding the hand of his loving wife of 48 years, Alicia Reyes, and surrounded by many old friends. Dr. Datta was born in Kalkota, India. He graduated from the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur with a bachelor of technology degree, and from Princeton University with a PhD in chemical engineering. He went on to become a renowned chemical engineer whose many achievements were widely recognized, particularly in relation to climate solutions. For over 40 years he worked to develop and commercialize technologies in renewable resources for both established and emerging companies. Over his long career, he was granted more than 50 US patents and published over 40 papers in the areas of bioproducts, bioprocess technologies, fermentation, separation, enzyme catalysis, and energy conversion, among others. Dr. Datta received many awards, including the Ernest W. Thiele award, the Presidential Green Chemistry award, Discover magazine's Environmental Technology of the Year award, and the IIT Distinguished Alumnus of the Year award. In addition to his scientific pursuits, Dr. Datta was a mean tennis player, a connoisseur of scotch, and a lover of music. He particularly loved opera, chamber music, and Indian classical music, and learned to play the sitar. He adored his two cats, Akbar and Saleem. He was always keen to introduce his American friends to Indian culture and cuisine, and he loved to travel the world. One of his favorite places was Delicate Arch in Utah, where he said God lived. Happily, he was able to see it once more not long before he died. Dr. Datta, son of Amulya Datta and Karuna Datta, who both predeceased him, is survived by his beloved wife, Alicia Reyes, his sister Sucharita Negi (Ravi Negi), her sons Shantanu and Siddhartha, and his niece Dr. Rhea Datta. His brother Dr. Rajat Datta predeceased him. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Ratna Datta and two grandnieces and a grandnephew, and by the whole universe of friends whose lives he touched so deeply. Om shanti, may his soul find release on its next journey. A Memorial Service in celebration of Dr. Datta's life is being planned for a later date. Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-318-1305 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

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Dill, Dorothy B.

Dorothy B. Dill nee Buckberg, Age 97. Late of Chicago Heights. Beloved wife of the late Harry E. Dill. Dear mother of Richard (Kim) Dill, Charles (the late Cynthia) Dill, Barbara Baker and the late Robert W. Dill. Cherished grandmother of Christine (Patrick) Philipps, Matthew Dill, Rebecca Dill and Jessica Baker. Cherished great-grandmother of Lily, Patrick and Kevin Dill and Jessica Baker

Resting at the Tews-Ryan Funeral Home, 18230 Dixie Hwy. Homewood, Sunday April 23, 2023 from 2 to 8 p.m. Funeral Services Monday 10:30am at the Funeral Home. Private full obituary go to tewsryanfh.com or call 708-798-5300.

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Divita, James J.

James John Divita, 85, passed away peacefully in Indianapolis on April 15, 2023. A longtime history professor at Marian College (now university), he was considered the preeminent scholar of the Catholic community in Indianapolis and was devoted to his family.

Born on January 20, 1938, Jim was raised in Chicago and graduated from DePaul Academy. He earned a bachelor's degree from DePaul University in 1959 and earned two degrees from the University of Chicago: a master's degree in 1960 and a PhD in 1972. In 1961, he moved to Indianapolis to begin a 42-year career teaching European history at Marian College. Jim was preceded in death by his parents Charles Vincent Divita and Theresa (Rohde) Divita. He is survived by his wife, Mary Frances Beckmeyer; his four children, Lawrence Charles (Jill) Divita, Mary Theresa "Terri" (Dave Kitchen) Divita, Michael (Lori) Divita, and Anne (Chris) Divita Kopacz; and four grandchildren, Mary Genna Divita, Juliana Divita, Caroline Kopacz, and Josephine Kopacz. For the full obituary and arrangements, visit www.flannerbuchanan.com.

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Dolce, Mary A.

Mary Dolce lived an accomplished life as a wife, mother, healthcare management professional, writer and active community volunteer.She passed away January 8, 2023 at 82. Mary grew up in Wisconsin with her parents Marcella and Paul and her younger sister Jane. She graduated from Libertyville High School at 16, then completed the Dental Hygiene program at Marquette University. She met her husband, John, through his sister, Helene, a fellow Marquette student. Soon after her graduation, they married at St. Joseph's Church in Libertyville. Mary is survived by her sister Jane, five children, Marcia, John, Edward, Helene and Matthew, two foster children, Pam and Jan (deceased) and 14 grandchildren. Mary was an active community volunteer. She participated on two Lake County school boards for 11 years, started the Montessori School in Libertyville in 1963. In 1971, as a leader of a Chicago area La Leche League chapter, she tirelessly worked on the La Leche League Chicago conference that brought Princess Grace of Monaco as it's keynote speaker. With her husband, in 1969 they founded La Puerta Abierta in Mundelein, a Spanish center and outpatient clinic. In the mid 70s she returned to college earning her B.A. from Lake Forest College and then an MBA from the Northwestern J.L. Kellogg School of Management in 1978. After graduation, Mary held various management positions at the University of Chicago Medical Center, Cook County Hospital, as well as Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center. An early interest in personal computers led to the post of President of the Chicago Computer Society, where she met with Bill Gates. She was also published several times in PC Magazine. When Mary and John retired, they continued to be active in their new community, Holiday Island, Arkansas. Supporting Opera of the Ozarks, Eureka Springs Hospital Guild, Carroll County Music Group and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church. A memorial service will be held at St. Joseph's Church in Libertyville, IL on June 16th at 10:30am.

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Donovan, Daniel G.

Daniel G. Donovan, Chicago & Princeton, Ill. passed away August 5, 2022 from natural causes. He was 72. Dan was the Son of George & Louise Donovan. He was the younger Brother of James & Michael & Sister Kathleen. Dan attended American University. He went on to earn his law degree from Loyola University. He will be lovingly remembered by remaining family & friends.

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Ehemann, Charles "Chuck"

Chuck Ehemann passed away on April 10, 2023

at 10:14 am, interrupting his own schedule. Always a man with a plan, Chuck announced days in advance that he would be leaving the hospital for home at 1 pm that day. He made sure to inform every person assigned to his care with daily reminders of his intended departure. In the end, though he never made it home, his family believes that he made it safely to our heavenly home where, no doubt, his parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, several life-long friends, and the Almighty God and His Son Jesus were waiting.

Chuck was born August 28, 1952, at Fort Sheridan, IL. He grew up on the south side of Chicago, in a predominately Irish Catholic neighborhood. After his biological father left the family, his mother, Mary, had the responsibility of raising Chuck and his sisters, Kathy and Mary Ellen, all aged five and under. His childhood memories of that time consisted of becoming an altar boy, playing in the alleys with the other boys, feeling he had to take care of his mom and sisters, and smoking for the first time at age 7.

Chuck was 9 when his mother introduced him to Jack Ehemann, a man who would become Chuck's true father for the rest of his life. He was a widower, with two sons, Phil and Ron. This combined family became a real-life Brady Bunch. When his youngest siblings, Sue and John, were born, the family was complete.

In August, 1971, Chuck drew #37 in the draft lottery. When he lost his student deferment at Western Illinois University due to missing classes because of mono, the army sent him to El Paso for basic training. Since he had mandatory ROTC classes at Waukegan Township High School, he instantly got a promotion and a raise on the first day. His major in college was Theater, so the Army assigned him the job of "entertainment specialist" and later, while stationed in Panama, the very cushy job of lifeguard. Though he never saw enemy fire in Vietnam, he was very proud to have served his country.

After the army, Chuck started working for his dad and uncle's brokerage company in Illinois selling meat and spices. During this time, he married one of his best friends from high school, Risa Chodan, bought his first home on a VA Loan, and learned the ropes of selling. He was then offered the job of sales manager at Wixon Spice Co. in St. Francis, WI. Making the difficult decision to leave his dad's company, he and Risa moved to Wisconsin. During this time, two beautiful daughters, Bridget and Sheila were born. Here, for the next 40 years, Chuck provided for his family by helping to grow this spice company into a multi-million-dollar company servicing the food industry. An opportunity arose to be an owner of the company he helped build, so Chuck would partner up with two great guys and Wixon is still growing today.

Chuck's friends were everything to him. Friends he had in high school stayed in his life. Moving to Wisconsin and knowing only a few co-workers, Chuck signed up for a volleyball class to make new friends, which was a life-changer. Soon it led to a softball league that included wives and kids, YMCA father-daughter outings, ski trips, Panama City Beach vacations, and constant parties with all these new friends. And, even though he was only one of two Chicago Bear fans in the group, everyone got along.

Finally, Chuck was an avid fisherman, boater, hunter, golfer and lover of all things outdoors. He was so lucky to have friends who enjoyed the same things, so he was never alone doing what he loved. Thankfully, Chuck was able to retire early, at age 62. For the next eight years, he and Risa traveled, mostly to France, where his daughter Bridget, son-in-law Olivier, and two sweet grandchildren live. Teaching his granddaughter to fish and watching her become a Chicago Bears fan made him so happy. And, he was thrilled to spend time with his baby grandson and make him laugh. Chuck also picked up a new hobby – reading A LOT of novels. TV and more quiet time were new in his retirement life.

Chuck died at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison at age 70. It's true that he probably could have eaten healthier and partied a little less, but being Irish and living in Wisconsin led to a lifetime of fun and memories that can never be replaced. From the moment that he started feeling unwell, Chuck, a very honest man, took entire responsibility for his health. His last bit of advice to all was to get your hernias repaired.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife, Risa, of 45 years, daughter Bridget (Olivier) Teissier of France; daughter Sheila (Matt Campbell); two sweet grandchildren, Claire and William; brothers Phil (Carol), John Paul (Debbie) and Ron Ehemann; sisters Kathy Cramer, Mary Ellen (Dave) Brown, and Sue O'Brien (Stacy Woldt); as well as so many wonderful cousins and their children who were so important to him. He always felt that he was a lucky, lucky man who had a very blessed life.

A short visitation will be April 27, at St. Mary's Parish in Hales Corners at 10 am with memorials starting at 10:30 and Mass at 11 am followed by military honors. A party to celebrate Chuck's life will begin after Mass. No need for flowers, instead a donation to your favorite charity would be appreciated. The **Redlin-Ertz Funeral Home**, Baraboo, WI is assisting the family.

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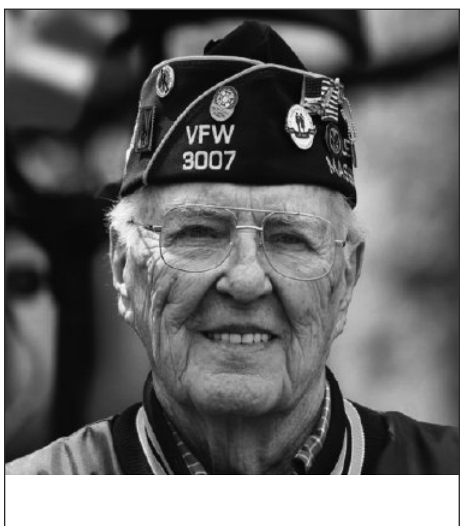

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Fabish, Fr. Raphael Aloysius

On October 13, 1927, a son was born to Alexander and Angeline (nee Cwiok) Fabish in Chicago, Illinois. They named him Aloysius. Between 1933 and 1946 he attended St. Stanislaus elementary school in Chicago, John Mills public school in Elmwood Park, IL, St. Ferdinand in Chicago, St. George High School in Evanston, and Quigley Preparatory Seminary in Chicago. On June 24, 1946, Aloysius entered the Dominican novitiate In River Forest, IL and received the habit at the hands of The V. Rev. Edmund Marr. At that time, he was given the religious name of Raphael. Br. Raphael was simply professed on June 25, 1947, again by Fr. Marr. From September of 1947 until June of 1950 Br. Raphael studied at the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest. He studied philosophy at De Paul University, 1949-1950. On June 25, 1950, Br. Raphael was solemnly professed in the hands of Fr. Edmund Marr. He then spent a year of studies at John the Baptist Convent in Ottawa, Canada. After returning to the United States Br. Raphael began theological studies at Aquinas Institute of Theology in Dubuque, IA which continued to 1954. On May 26, 1953, he was ordained a priest at St. Rose Priory in Dubuque by The Most Rev. Loris Lane. Fr. Fabish's ministerial life was quite varied. From 1954-56 he served as Associate Pastor at St. Albert the Great Parish in Minneapolis, MN followed by a term as Associate Pastor at Holy Name Parish in Kansas City, MO (1956-59). Fr. Fabish then assisted in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, SD with residence in Canton, SD. He then had two more turns as associate pastor at Nativity Parish in Compton, CA (1963-66) and St, Pius V Parish in Chicago (1966-76). Following his parochial ministries Fr. Fabish served as a rural missionary in Mexico (1976-1991). He was then in the Chaplain's residence at St. Anthony Continuing Care Center, Rock Island, IL and then St. Joseph Home in Palatine, IL. He was always a quiet man and reserved in speaking of himself. In 2003 Fr. Fabish went into Limited Service at St. Pius V Priory. In 2019 he became a resident of Resurrection Life Center until his death on April 20, 2023. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 10:30am at St. Pius V Parish, 1919 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago with the Office of the Dead and viewing at 10:00am. For funeral info 773-736-3833 or visit Fr. Raphael's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com.

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Gabrielson, Joan

Joan Gabrielson of Orland Hills, age 72; loving wife of John Gabrielson and sons Jay and John (Yuki); daughter of the late Steve and Elsie Stelmack. Joan is also survived by her sister, Chris; brother-in-law Ed (Kathy) Gabrielson; nephews Matt and Ben. Joan was an ace student who devoured books and became a librarian. She worked at Tinley Park school district for several years. She enjoyed cooking for her family, celebrating special occasions and lively conversation. We pray she is happy. Memorials may be made in Joan's name to American Kidney Fund.

Garrity, James 'Jim'

James "Jim" Garrity, 71, of Johnsburg, died April 5, 2023. Husband of Pamela "Pam" (nee Calkins); son of the late Mary Margaret; brother of John and Joan; brother-in-law of Marcia (Eugene) Burchi, the late Anita (Terry) Heydecker, Gloria (the late Roger) Kanneberg, Donna (Craig) Lowe; uncle of Ted (Rebecca) Burchi and his children Riley and Kiara, Peter Heydecker and Benjamin (Kara) Heydecker and their daughter Olivia. Memorial visitation Saturday, April 29, from noon until the time of memorial service at 2 p.m. at Hamsher Lakeside Funerals & Cremations, 12 N. Pistakee Lake Rd., Fox Lake, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Jim's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are appreciated. Online condolences and full obit, www.HamsherLakeside.com, information, 847-587-2100.

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Graser, Norris Edwin

Norris Edwin Graser, born August 9, 1947, died suddenly April 16, 2023, at the age of 75. Son of the late Diana Rose and Gilbert Edwin. Beloved Husband of Shelley. Loving Father of David Norris. Brother of the late Phillip, the late Scott, Jeffrey, the late Joel, the late Diane, and Sandy. Loving Uncle to many. Funeral services held privately. Please sign Norris' guestbook at www.libertyvillefuneralhome.com. Arrangements by **McMurrough Funeral Chapel**.

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Haber-Kovach, Mercedes Alina

Mercedes Alina Haber-Kovach, of Naperville, IL, formerly of Plymouth, IN, passed away from a battle with colorectal cancer, which had lasted the better part of three-and-a-half years, and succumbed on Friday, October 7, 2022 at the age of 62. Mercedes Alina was from Cueto, Cuba, in the province of Holguin, and was born on November 8, 1959. **Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home, Naperville, IL.** For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Hall, Kevin J.

Kevin John Hall, 69, passed away April 16, 2023 at

his home in Round Lake, IL. He was born March 14, 1954 in Chicago, IL to Dolores and John W. Hall. Kevin spent his early years in Park Ridge, IL where he graduated from Maine South High School in 1972, the same year he became Illinois State Juvenile Hockey Champion. He then graduated from Southern Illinois University with a certification in water treatment. After numerous trips out west, Kevin, developed a love for skiing that led him to moving to Lake Tahoe in the 1980's. He worked as an operating engineer in Local 3. While residing in Truckee, CA, he proudly displayed his love for the Chicago Bears, Cubs, and Blackhawks. Kevin recently returned to Illinois and purchased a condo in an over 55 community in Round Lake. Kevin lived and coped with mental illness most of his life, in the end the distress became unbearable. Our family's loss is immeasurable, but Kevin's spirit will stay with us forever. Kevin is survived by his sister Maridell (Brian) Markison, his brother Jeff Hall, his cousin Mari Hall Machado and Fred (Linda) Mindham, his nieces and nephews Ben Markison, Emily (Steve) Blonsky, Jennie Rizza, John (Jessica) Rizza, Matt (Erin) Hall, and Megan (T.J.) Liebertrau, his great-nieces and great-nephews Aiden, Beau, Coralyn, Chloee, Eden, Evelyn, Grace, Jack, Joseph, Kenzie, and Vivi, and countless friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. A funeral service and visitation will be held at **Strang Funeral Chapel**, 410 E. Belvidere Road, Grayslake, IL 60030 on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 3:00pm until 7:00pm with the funeral service commencing at 7:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to NAMI www.namichicago.org. For more information, please call (847)223-8122 or visit www.StrangFuneral.org.

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Hampton, Shirley Ann

Shirley Ann Hampton, nee Burns, age 87, at rest April 22, 2023; Beloved wife of the late Don Hampton; Loving mother of Johnnie (Janice Glynn) Hampton; Dear mother in-law of Linda Hampton; Cherished grandmother of Maribeth Hampton, Patrick (Kerry) Hampton, Joseph (Jackie) Hampton; Great grandmother Finuala, Audrey, Donald, Nora, Juliette and Evelyn; Dear sister of Patricia (late Don) Campbell; Loving Auntie to James (Barb), Michael (late Connie) Campbell, Donald Campbell (deceased), Deborah Campbell, Uncle Cathy (Barry) Rhoades; Visitation Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass 12:00 p.m. at St. Bernadette Church, 94th & Francisco Ave., Evergreen Park; Interment St. Mary Cemetery; Kindly omit flowers; Arrangements entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**, Chicago Ridge; For Funeral info: (708) 422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

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Hlidek, Fred G.

Fred G. Hlidek Jr., 95, of Villa Park, Illinois, passed away peacefully at his home on April 19th, 2023. He was born on January 3rd, 1928 to Fred and Emma (Draplik) Hlidek in Omaha, Nebraska. Fred was a very social and caring person. He definitely had the gift of gab and never met a person that he could not connect with. Fred was a career salesman of many things throughout the years. He spent his free time both appreciating and collecting antiques. His vast experiences and love of all things history made him a master storyteller. Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Wendy; stepchildren Richard Wilson and Sherri Baker; four step grandchildren; great granddaughter and partner in crime, Riley Baker; three step great granddaughters and sister Virginia Kost. Fred was preceded in death by his parents; beloved wife Arlene (d.1994); brothers Robert and Richard; stepdaughter Terri; and step grandson Ronald. Per Fred's wishes, no services will be held. In Fred's memory please make a donation to the Veterans charity of your choosing. Funeral info: steuerlefh.com or (630) 832-4161.

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Hoffman, Marion

Marion Hoffman, nee Davies, passed away peace-

fully at her home in Park Ridge on March 30th, 2023. She is survived by a nephew, Lloyd Davies, and his family of Los Altos, California and a niece, Ceri Davies, and her family who live in Sydney, Australia. Her ashes will be interred at Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park, Illinois.

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Hogan, Mark T.

Mark T. Hogan, age 71, of Lake Forest, Illinois and

formerly of Birmingham, Michigan, passed away surrounded by his family on April 16, 2023. Mark was born in Chicago, IL and attended St. Francis Xavier in Wilmette, IL and New Trier High School. An avid fan of the Chicago Cubs and Bears, he spent his free time playing and watching sports. Upon graduation he went on to the University of Illinois in Champaign, IL. Mark was an active member of the University of Illinois Football Program acting as Manager and even suited up when needed. While at the University of Illinois he met former General Motors CEO and fellow Illini Thomas Murphy. Mr. Murphy held a recruiting event in Champaign and asked a small group of students to bring their favorite professor. Mark brought the Chaplain of the football team and a mentor of his, Father Edward J. Duncan. Mr. Murphy was so impressed by Mark he offered him a scholarship for graduate school. Mark went on to earn his MBA from Harvard Business School and rejoined General Motors after graduation. Mark held various positions in his time at General Motors, notably, General Manager for NUMMI (a joint venture between GM and Toyota), Executive Director of GM's North American Operations Planning Group, President of Toyota do Brasil, President of eGM, and head of Advanced Vehicle Development. He joined Automotive Supplier Magna International as President in 2004. In 2008 he joined The Vehicle Production Group, an automotive manufacturer that produced handicap accessible vehicles. At the request of his old friend Akio Toyoda, Mark joined Toyota as an Advisor to the North American Leadership team. In 2013 he accepted an invitation to sit on the Toyota Motor Corporation Board of Directors becoming the first American to serve as Outside Director. He served on the board for five years before becoming a Global Advisor until his retirement. Mark cherished the connections he made throughout his career and remained friends with many of his coworkers until his passing. Mark was the beloved husband of 43 years to Sallie Hogan and loving father of Bennett, Cecilia, and William Hogan. Brother of Colleen (William) Lowe, Sharon "Bunny" (Gary) Fresen, and Joseph (Anne) Hogan. Uncle to sixteen nieces and nephews. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 A.M. on Tuesday May 2, 2023 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 524 9th St., Wilmette, IL 60091. The interment will be private. For information – **Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest**, (847) 234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com. Memorial contributions in Mark's name may be made to the American Heart Association at www.heart.org/donate.

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Kainz, Sue

Sue Kainz, 86, of Tower Lakes and Lake Barrington, passed peacefully on April 12, 2023 in hospice care after a brief illness. She was surrounded by her adoring family, and spent the last days hearing the love, laughter, and tears of her beloved boys and their families all around her. As "The Girl from Ipanema" played, her family said their last goodbyes to an amazing woman. She lived a full and colorful life, and was never short of new and interesting topics of conversation to entertain her family and many party guests over her decades of cooking and entertaining. She kept Joe, her husband and best friend, perpetually weaving from one project to another in a home that reflected her eclectic taste. The number of tweaks at "404" during her almost 60 years there were outnumbered only by her candles, which burned brightly in every corner of her cherished space for all gatherings-and miraculously didn't burn the house down many times over. Sue's infectious laugh will be remembered fondly by her family-it was the soundtrack of their lives with her. Her zest for entertaining translated into the opening of The Onion Pub and Brewery in Lake Barrington, where a life-sized Humphrey Bogart mannequin greets guests in a style only Sue could have imagined. In addition to being the matriarch of her family, Sue loved her days working as a stewardess for Eastern Airlines back in the "golden era" of air travel in the '50's. She served as a village trustee for Tower Lakes in the '80's, and served on the board of JourneyCare in Barrington more recently. She was especially proud of her support and work with Operation Smile, an international organization that provides facial surgery for people in the developing world. She served on a mission to Kenya with Joe in the early 2000's. Sue's fiery personality and liberal leanings were her trademark, and provided Joe plenty of job security as her protector-his Chicago street-smarts were tested on numerous occasions by her tendency to speak her mind. Her strong take on Motherhood once forced her three boys to tie her to a tree while she attempted to put out a bonfire they were deftly managing-they danced around the flames, honoring their mother in a way that befit her. Sue leaves behind a legacy of laughter, love, and occasional insanity. One of the last sentences she uttered before passing was: "You know, you could die from boredom". For those who knew and loved Sue, that phrase pretty much sums her up-Life was never boring when she was around. She is preceded in death by Joe, and survived by her brother Patrick Elliott, sons Mike, Pat, and John, her daughters-in-law Jennifer, Kirsten, and Kym, and her eight grandchildren. Private services will be held later this summer. For information, please contact Davenport Family Funeral Home, Barrington, 847-381-3411. For online condolences please visit, www.davenportfamily.com.

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Kane, Gerald S.

Gerald S. Kane, 90, of Highland Park, passed away peacefully on April 20, 2023. Beloved husband of Renee; cherished father of Susan Kane, Pam (Gurpreet) Padda, and Lisa (Chris) Kane; loving grandfather to Hannah Padda, Ari Padda, Quincy Weaver, Sela Weaver; devoted Uncle, Great-Uncle and cousin to many. Jerry was a physician for 50 years, who also served as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force, was an avid golfer, and was a life-long Cubs fan. He is predeceased by his parents Arthur and Florence Kane, and sister Syril Garfinkle. Private services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science.

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Kane, Theresa Maureen

Theresa Maureen Kane passed away on April 17,

2023 in Naples, Florida. Theresa was born in the Bronx, New York, on November 17, 1948, to John and Helen Kane. She attended Catherine McAuley School of Nursing in Batavia, New York, and worked as a nurse in New York, California, and Illinois for over 50 years, focusing her work for the last 20 years on those suffering from dementia. She was a natural caretaker and made a positive difference in her family and the world. Theresa is survived by her brother Michael (Kathleen), sister-in-law Rose, and nephews McHenry (Meredith), Padraic, James (Madison), and Daniel, and nieces Heather, Anna, Julie (John) Gravgaard, Shannon (Carrie Bolander), and Megan (James Borowick), and great nephews and nieces Brendan, Kieran, Claire, Theresa, Cathan, Skylar, Tucker, Jonathan, Zachary, Madison, Addison, Liam, and Asher. Besides her parents, Theresa was predeceased by her older brother, John Kane. Visitation Sunday, April 23, 2023, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Fuller Funeral Home North on Pine, 1625 Pine Ridge Road, Naples, FL 34109. A Catholic Mass of Christian Burial Monday, April 24, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at Saint William Catholic Church, 601 Seagate Drive, Naples, FL 34108. The Rite of Committal and Catholic Burial Thursday, April 27, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at All Saints Cemetery, 700 North River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Community Pregnancy Clinics, Inc., P.O. Box 7608, Naples, FL 34101 Info: donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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King, Jan Maria

Jan Maria King, 82, passed away peacefully in

hospice care, Saturday, April 15, 2023. Born in Chicago, December 25, 1940, she grew up in Hyde Park and Jamaica. Attending the University of Chicago Lab School, Priory (Jamaica), Hyde Park High School and finally Roosevelt University. She lived and worked in the Medical Accreditation field as an Administrator until 2001; retiring in Chicago. Her mother, Eleanor D. Cyrus; father, Bindley C. Cyrus; brothers, William, Charles, Edward, Bindley, James, and Grant predecease her. She is survived by her sister, Elena, brother, Raymond; daughter, Jandra, son, Andre' and two grandsons, Xavier, and Pascal. Jan loved music, literature, art and being the host of a party for almost any reason. She will be missed by the many family members and friends in her orbit. A memorial service will be held at **Unity Funeral Parlors, Inc.**, 4114 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL, Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10:00am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at the Alzheimer's Association.

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Kinney, Katherine Chofffin

Katherine Choffin Kinney, 80, of Ogden Dunes, passed away from cancer on December 2, 2022 in her home in Ajijic, Mexico. She was born in Chicago, IL on September 15, 1942. Katherine worked at Morgan Park High School in Chicago for 25 years before retiring to Ajijic, Mexico to work on her painting and other artwork. She is survived by her son Rick Kinney, granddaughter Willow Kinney, and sister Joan Komen. A non-religious remembrance for her will be held at noon on April 29th, 2023 at the Knights of Columbus in Elmhurst, IL at 537 S. York St. Elmhurst, IL.

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Lee, Peter Michael

May 16 1951 to April 18 2023

Pete died peacefully in his sleep, attended by his son Brian. Towards the end he said "I made a lot of mistakes, maybe more than you; I had a good lot of adventures, and some strange ones too. Overall, I've been happy."

For information on Pete's memorial gathering this summer please email PeteLeeMemorial2023@gmail.com
In lieu of flowers please think of a song you love that reminds you of Pete Lee and email it to the address above to be added to our playlist. Also, please enjoy the playlist. We had a lot of fun making it!
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Lemer, Balfura

Balfura Lemer, née Henkin

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Balfura Lemer of Skokie, IL on April 20, 2023. She is survived by her two children, Martha Byrne (Richard) and Dr. Matthew Lemer (Scott Murphree) and two granddaughters, Margot and Liza. She was married to her college sweetheart, Sidney Lemer, for 55 years, who died in 2012. Mrs. Lemer taught in the Chicago Public Schools for 45 years and cherished her time there. She was the best kind of friend, always there in every capacity. Loved by all she met, even briefly. She was an extraordinary person who will be profoundly missed.

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Martin, Patricia E.

Patricia E. Martin (née Daggett), 89, passed away at her winter home in Naples, Florida on April 16. She and her late husband Will were residents of Palos Park, IL for over 50 years where she served on the boards of many nonprofits including the Southwest YMCA, Palos Park Service League, Palos Fine Arts, and The Center. She co-chaired the restoration of Civil War-era McCord House, now an arts center, and she was active in Palos Village Players community theater. Pat was known for her sense of humor, upbeat attitude, and generous spirit. Every spring she gathered huge bouquets of daffodils from her yard and took them to local nursing homes. Pat was a graduate of Northwestern University and a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Her career spanned serving as an editor for the Pullman Company magazine, bridal consultant for Bonwit Teller, runway model, writer, and actor. She was featured in TV commercials and print ads for companies such as PepsiCo, AT&T, and General Mills, and she enjoyed being an extra in films. Pat and Will shared many adventures in their nearly 64 years of marriage. They flew a B-26 bomber to Nicaragua in 1964 – she navigated, he piloted – and her story of the trip was featured in the Chicago Tribune. Pat was a proud mother of her daughters, and her grandchildren filled her with joy. She was preceded in death by husband Will Martin, brother Marvin Daggett, and parents Vernon and Helen Daggett. Pat is survived by daughters Suzanne Martin (Hart Weichselbaum) and Cassandra Moran (the late James J.), sister Lois Gernbacher, brothers Delta (Karen) and David (Roxann) Daggett, cousin Darrell (Carol) Anderson, grandchildren Claire, Paul, Alexandra, Christina, Anastasia, and Andrew, and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of her life will be held this summer. Donations in her memory may be made to the International Rescue Committee (www.rescue.org) or Wannigan Park, a nature preserve near her hometown in Minnesota (www.wanniganpark.com).

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Martisauski, Donald '"Don"'

Donald B. "Don" Martisauski, age 82, of Orland Park passed away peacefully on April 14, 2023. He is survived by his wife Marilyn (nee Niemiec) of 59 years, his children Laura (Art) Kelly and Brian Martisauski and grandchildren Alec, Brad, Julia, Morgan and Alexandra. Don was born July 19, 1941, in Chicago to parents Bruno and Virginia Martisauski. He is preceded in death by both parents and brother Richard Martisauski.

A celebration of life will be held at The Little Home Church by the Wayside 32W128 Army Trail Rd, Wayne, IL on Friday May 5, 2023 at 2:00 pm, with a reception in the parish hall immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local blood bank or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

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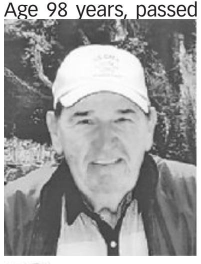
May, Joseph E.



Age 98 years, passed away peacefully on Monday April 17, 2023 at his late residence in Shorewood, Illinois He was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 28, 1924, to parents Joseph and Elizabeth, the third child in a large family of three boys and five girls. Joseph was preceded in death by first wife Theresa (Née Fiel), second wife Dolly Mildred (Née Janosko), and daughter Margaret (Peggy) May.
He is survived by son William (Carol) May; grandchildren Margaret (Mardi) May; Daniel Ronczkowski; Melissa Aud-Headlee; and great grandchildren Austin, Colton, Joseph, Anna, DJ, Valerie, Vincent, Carter, and great great grandchild to come, Ozzy. He proudly served in the US Army as a Sargent during W.W.II and was the recipient of 4 Bronze Stars and more accommodations. When he moved to Shorewood in 2014, he became active in the Shorewood Glen Veterans Group, and enjoyed participating in parades and celebrations, and attended the honor flight. On November 21, 2022 Joe was honored by Troy township community by being inducted into THE DONALD D. WALDEN VETERANS HONOR ROLL
Additionally, Joe will be celebrated by the Village of Shorewood on Memorial Day this year, with a Veteran's Memorial brick installed, as well as a banner flown for the "Hometown Heroes" program. Look for his military photo banner sometime between May and December flying on a decorative light post in Shorewood. Joe was an accomplished businessman, family and friend oriented throughout his life. He inspired so many to be their best, because he led by example, and "walked the talk", as he would say.
Visitation will be held at the **Carlson-Holmquist-Sayles Funeral Home**, 2320 Black Road Joliet on Monday, April 24, 2023 from 4:00pm to 8:00 pm. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 from the funeral home at 9:45am then proceed in procession to St. Mary Immaculate Church Route 59 in Plainfield for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 am. Entombment and Military Honors by the US Army will follow at Resurrection Mausoleum, Romeoville.

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Moran, Kimberly Lynn

Kimberly Lynn Moran (nee Zenker) passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at the age of 62. She was in the comfort of her home, surrounded by family. She was an adored and loved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend. Kimberly was born on February 27, 1961, in Chicago, IL and spent her childhood in Carol Stream, IL. She lived in Gurnee, IL where she raised her family and managed a 30+ year career at Allstate. She retired to The Villages, FL enjoying golf and the social atmosphere. She is survived by her husband: Thomas; her children: Jennifer, Sara (Stephen); her grandchild: Eleanor Logan; her brothers: Michael (Ellen), Tim (former spouse Angelyn); and beloved dog, Archer. Her charisma and wit will live on through her family and friends, and she will forever be remembered as the most selfless, thoughtful, and kind-hearted woman who touched the lives of so many. Words can't express how much she will be missed. May she rest in peace!

Kimberly's family will be holding a Celebration of Life in her honor. Details will be shared at a later date.

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Mulligan, Jr., Hugh Emmett

Hugh Mulligan, 95, of Winnetka, IL entered heaven on April 20,2023. He leaves behind a legacy dedicated to family and friends. Hugh was a loving husband to Pat for 66 years and an incredible father, uncle, grandfather and great grandfather. Hugh is survived by his children Hugh (Paulette) Mulligan III , Martha (David) Clarkson, and Laura (Gerald) Sullivan; his grandchildren Sarah (David), Hugh (Angela), Luke, Peter (Rachel), Maggie, Allison (Steve), and Jack; along with 5 great grandchildren. Hugh was a proud graduate of Fenwick High School and the University of Notre Dame class of 1950. Hugh was known for his enviable style and fashionable taste. He grew up visiting Fox Lake, and later in life his cottage in Sawyer, MI, where he was able to spend endless hours on the beach which he loved so much. Hugh enjoyed family gatherings, worshiping at St. Francis, skiing in Vail, Notre Dame Football weekends, winters in Hutchinson Island, FL, and riding in convertibles with the top down. Hugh had a great sense of humor and enjoyed many social groups. He was very proud of his technical skills developed at 93 with his new iPhone. His favorite pastime was FaceTiming with family members. Hugh was deeply interested in his grand and great grand kids, loving each of them beyond measure. Hugh will be missed by so many friends and family members who were blessed to have had him in their lives for so long. Visitation Friday, April 28, 2023 10:00 am until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 am at Saints Joseph and **Francis Xavier Church**, 524 9th Street, Wilmette, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made in Hugh's name to the charity of your choice. Info:donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990

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O'Connell RSM, Sr. Mary Paulette

Sister Mary Paulette (Lillian Jane) O'Connell, RSM, 90, was a dedicated Sister of Mercy for 72 years. Paulette was a loving daughter, sister, aunt and friend of many. She was preceded in death by her parents, Christopher J. and Mary A. (Rogers), brother William J. and brother John R. Paulette is survived by her sister Marion F. (Pat Hamill), sister-in-law Janet O'Connell, and many beloved family members, her Sisters of Mercy family, especially Sr. Maureen Boyd and Sr. Rosemary Connelly, and her third family, the residents and staff of Misericordia Home.

Paulette entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1951 at the same time her as sister, Marion. She attributed her willingness to remain a Sister of Mercy to God, Marion and the lasting friendships she made during those formative years.

Paulette received a Bachelor of Science from St. Xavier University (Chicago) and a Masters of Nursing from the University of Michigan. Throughout her nursing career she served in 6 Mercy hospitals in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Michigan. Her last and most beloved mission was her 32 years with the children and adults at Misericordia Home in Chicago.

Paulette lived in gratitude every day of her life and told friends and family over and over again, "I've had such a great life, I'm fearful that I'm getting my Heaven here on earth." Her religious motto, "For Thee my Lord" served her well, as she was always happy doing God's work, especially for the poor and the disabled.

Visitation Thursday, April 27th, 9:30AM, Misericordia Home, Jean Marie Ryan Center, 6300 N Ridge, Chicago, until time of the Mass at 11AM. Private interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip, IL.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia Foundation www.misericordia.com or The Sisters of Mercy https://sistersofmercy.org would be appreciated. Funeral information 773-736-3833 or visit www.smithcorcoran.com

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O'Connor, Patricia

Patricia Ann O'Connor, nee Stanton, of River Forest and formerly of Mt. Prospect, passed away after a brief illness on April 16th 2023. Wife of the late Charles Jr. Loving mother of twins Clare Elizabeth and Charles Edward III. Daughter of the late Robert L. Sr. and the late Ethel B. Stanton. Dear sister of Robert (Donna) Stanton, Bridie (the late William) Hickman, Michael (Karen) Stanton, Margaret (Jack) McBride, Barbara Stanton, Marybeth (Jim) Rennolds. Fond aunt, cousin and friend to many. Loving doggy mommy to Darby, Brady, Lily, and Tucker. Known around her community as Mrs. Opatio.

Family and friends will gather for memorial services at Queen of Heaven Cemetery on May 27th, 11AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to be made in Pati's honor to Opportunity Knocks. https://opportunityknocksnow.kindful.com/

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Petrosius, John R.

John R. Petrosius age 70, U.S. Army Veteran. Beloved Son of the late Vincent (the late Helen) Petrosius. Cherished Brother of Vincent Petrosius, Mary (Zenon) Norbut, Genevieve (Bill) Liekis and Patricia (Kenneth) Polak. Dear and Kind Uncle to many Nieces and Nephews. John was a Mechanic for the CTA and a Truck Driver for the City of Chicago Streets and Sanitation for 30 years. John was our Angel here on Earth and will be dearly missed by all. Services Private. Arrangements Entrusted to Wolniak Funeral Home 773-767-4500

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Plotkin, David S.

David S. Plotkin, 54, died on April 18, son of Charlene Perlow; father to Gabe, Kaya and Jude; brother to Jennifer Ron, Pamela (Theresa Winiecki) Plotkin and Julie Plotkin; Trish McCormick, his Best; ex-husband to Tracy; uncle to Gil, Henry, and Frankie. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Recyclery, www.therecyclery.org. Chapel service Monday, April 24, 2:30 PM, at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Rd., Arlington Heights. Interment following at Shalom Memorial Park. For additional information, shiva and a link to view the service online, visit www.shalommemorial.org, 847-255-3520.

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Poplawski, JoAnne

JoAnne Poplawski, Apr. 6, 2023. Age 62. Loving sister of Jeanne (late Jerome) Maza, Sue (Jack) Jarrett, Michael, Dianne (David) Nykiel, and Marianne (Thomas) Siple. Preceded in death by her parents, Lorraine, nee Koleski, and Henry E. Poplawski. Visitation Saturday, April. 29, 2023 from 9:00 A.M. until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 A.M. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, IL. Entombment Good Shepherd Cemetery, Orland Park, IL. **Petkus & Son Funeral Directors** in charge of arrangements. 800-994-7600 or www.petkusfuneralhomes.com

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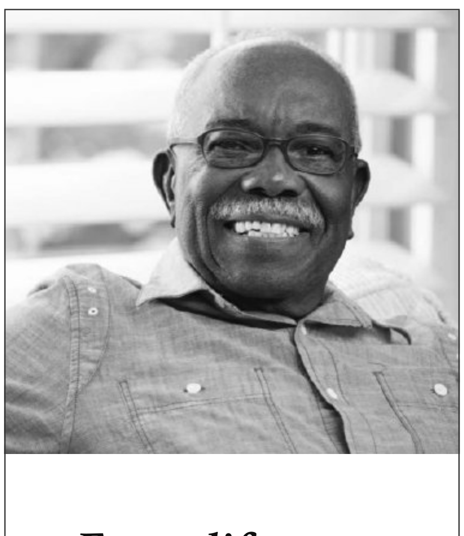

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Randle, Rev. Burton Givens

Rev. Burton Givens Randle, age 95, died on April 16, 2023, with family by his side. He was born on March 8, 1928, in Wichita, Kansas, to the late Harry & Nevada (Burton) Randle. Devoted husband of Mariann (Menely) Randle of nearly 70 years. He was preceded in death by his eldest son John Karr Randle (2004), his sister, Virginia Randle Loveland, and niece Janice Loveland Jaworsky. He leaves behind his sons David Burton Randle, Paul Menely (Tina) Randle, granddaughter Jennifer Mae (Matthew) Randle Kilbride, great granddaughters: Adalynn, Loegan, & Ashlynn Kilbride, Kenosha, Wisconsin; cherished Nephew, Randle J.(Cate) Loveland, Vancouver, Washington; Great-Nephew Robert (Pamela) Johnson, Derby, Kansas and family, and great niece, Hillary (Alex) Loveland Bennett, Vancouver, Washington and family.
Burt attended High School East in Wichita, Kansas and his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Science from Kansas State College. He then chose to get his Masters of Divinity from Garrett Theological Seminary, following his true calling to serve in ministry.
Memorial Service, Saturday, April 29, 11:00am at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 1024 Lake Ave, Wilmette. Interment 10:30 am Trinity United Methodist Churchyard.
In Lieu of Flowers, Memorial gifts may be given to the Burton G. Randle Scholarship Fund of Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201, Trinity United Methodist Church , 1024 Lake Ave, Wilmette IL 60091 or Glenview United Methodist Church, 727 Harlem Ave, Glenview IL 60025 with a memo of "In Memory of Burt Randle."

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Robinson, Rosemary 'Posey'

Rosemary "Posey" Robinson. Loving wife, sister, mother, grandmother and great grandmother of Park Ridge, IL and Bermuda Dunes, CA, passed on 4-17-23 in her home at the age of 81. She was born November 10, 1941 in Highland Park, Illinois.
She spent the last 25 winters in Bermuda Dunes and the summers in Park Ridge. She enjoyed her family, golf, cards, bocce, and any event that was about shoes. She courageously battled throat cancer for the past 15 years. Left behind to cherish her memory is her husband William of 61 years, her sisters Ellen Cholewa, Ginny Moss (Gary), and her children William III (Laura), Michael (Lisa), and Jennifer Whelan (Keith). Grandmother to William (Jeanette), Christopher (Kaitlin), Samuel (Alina), Jack, Tona Marie(Dave), Kimberly (Matthew), Kylie, Mike Jr, Nicki, and JT. Great-grandmother to Emma, Bear, Rylie, Milo, Macy, and Violet. She was preceded in death by her great-grandson Warner Thomas. A Memorial Service will be at a later date in Park Ridge. Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospotal, www.stjude.org or Evans Scholars Foundation, www.wgaesf.org. She will be greatly missed.

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Rohwedel, Kathryn J. 'Kay'

Kathryn J. "Kay" Rohwedel (nee Heinz), age 95, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1973, formerly of West Chicago, IL, passed away on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at St. Patrick's Residence in Naperville. She was born May 13, 1927, in Aurora, IL.
Beloved wife of 67 years to the late Frank A. Rohwedel, whom she married June 11, 1949 and who preceded her in death on August 1, 2016; loving mother of Stan (Diane) Rohwedel of Pinehurst, NC, Curt (Rita) Rohwedel of Darien, IL and Debbie (Mark) Uthe of Sugar Land, TX; adored grandmother of Sarah (Michael) De Moya and Joel (Emily) Uthe; cherished great-grandmother of Alexander De Moya, Jonathan De Moya, Luke Uthe and Ryan Uthe; devoted daughter of the late Mathias and Margaret (nee Lifka) Heinz, dear sister of the late Mary Ann (the late Donald) Hensel and Dorothy Lamb; fond aunt, great-aunt and friend of many.
Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 3:00-7:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St, Naperville.**
A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 17, 10:00 AM at St. Patrick's Residence, 1400 Brookdale Rd., Naperville.
Interment will follow at Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton, IL.
In lieu of flowers, donations in Kay's memory may be made to: St. Patrick's Residence, 1400 Brookdale Road, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 416-6565, www.stpatricksresidence.org
For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Ruber, Barbara Lynn

Barbara Lynn Ruber (nee Reisberg), loving wife of Norman, mother of Bret, grandmother of Micah, and sister of Debbie Greenberg and the late Karyn Wexler. Barbara was born in Chicago in 1952 to Sidney and Anita, and lived in the Chicago area her entire life, other than six months spent on a Kibbutz in Israel. She was a lover of chocolate, roller coasters, and music. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Services will be held Friday 10AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, Skokie Chapel, located at 8851 Skokie Blvd. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. Please make donations in lieu of flowers to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601, www.alz.org/illinois. To attend the funeral live stream, please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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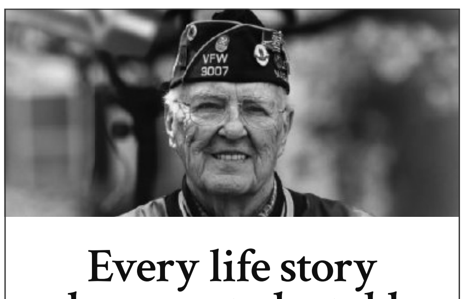

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Schulman, Mary Falat

Mary Falat Schulman passed away gently and peacefully on April 19, 2023 at age 79 after a courageous battle with cancer that spanned more than a year. She fought cancer with the same determination and courage she showed throughout her life. After graduating from Northern Illinois University she went on to earn a Masters Degree in Special Education from Columbia University in New York. Her career included teaching EMH and TMH children at the West Suburban Association for Special Education where she used her compassion and creativity to achieve results with her students that few thought possible, while making friendships that lasted her entire life. As important as teaching was to her, she interrupted her career to pursue adoption of her sons, Michael and Jonathan and her daughter, Melissa, all of whom she loved totally and unconditionally. She was a devoted mother, a family counselor of great empathy and wisdom, and a strong force in their lives. Mary is survived by her husband, Jerry, her wonderful children Jonathan and Melissa, her adored grandchildren Olivia and Michael Schulman, her brother Robert Falat, her nephew Bryan (Nicole) Falat, her niece Kimberly (Ty) Towse and many, many cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her beloved son Michael, and by her parents, Walter and Ethel Falat. Visitation will be on Monday, April 24, 2023 from 10am until 12:30pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th Street, Countryside, Illinois, with interment to follow at Bronswood Cemetery, 3805 Madison Street, Oak Brook, Illinois. Mary would welcome donations in her memory to be made to The Cradle Society, (847) 475-5800. https://cradle.org.
Funeral Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Slamecka, Judith N. 'Judy'

Judith N. "Judy" Slamecka, nee Maday, of North Riverside, age 83. Beloved wife of the late Richard; loving mother of Rick (Celeste), David, Donna (Mark) Dreyer and Michael; proud Busia of Timothy Dreyer and Jennifer (Daniel) Halvorsen; preceded in death by her siblings Shirley (late Paul) Klugiewicz and Leroy (late Joan) Maday; fond aunt of many. Judith was a longtime employee of Our Lady of the Mount School in Cicero. She loved reading, camping, fishing, gardening and traveling with family and friends. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester on Sunday, April 23, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Monday from 10:00 a.m. until time of Chapel Service 11:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Kidney Foundation, Alzheimer's Association or the Dementia Society appreciated. For funeral info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L

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Sparrow, Carolyn M

Carolyn M. Sparrow of Schaumburg, formerly of Hoffman Estates, passed away April 17, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Charles. Loving mother of Karen (Bob) Niemczyk and Craig (Michelle) Sparrow. Devoted grandmother of Brandon (Jenny), Megan, Kevin (Leslie), Trent and J.T. Proud great grandmother of Miles, Athena, Sullivan and Spencer. Dear daughter of the late Luther and Ethel Shely. Sister of Bette Hughes. She was a member of The Eastern Star, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Colonial Dames XVII Century. Private services and interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Funeral information, video tribute or online condolences www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.

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Stebbins, Donald Glenn

Donald G. Stebbins, age 92, died peacefully in his

home in Reston, VA on April 14, 2023 of congestive heart failure.

A private service will be held at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

River Woods Funeral Chapel is honored to serve Donald's family, please visit www.riverwoodsfc.com for a complete obituary.

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Stokes, Jeffry R.

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Jeffry R. Stokes, age 49, passed during April of 2020, resident of Elmhurst, member Local 399 Stationary Engineers; beloved husband of Nara; loving father of Amelia Elizabeth and Justin Stokes; cherished son of James J. Stokes Jr. and Nancy Ann Stokes, nee Polick; dear nephew and cousin of many. Jeff's family invites all those who knew and loved Jeff to celebrate his life with a Memorial Mass of Christian Burial to be held Saturday, April 29, 2023 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Woods Catholic Church, 10731 W. 131st Street, Orland Park, IL 60462. Arrangements handled by **Gibbons Funeral Home**, Elmhurst. 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Taura, Martha Masako

Martha Taura, 93, peacefully passed away, April 14, 2023. Preceded in death by parents Yasuo Frank Sugimoto and Kumae Shibatsuji, four sisters Yuriko and Ayako Sugimoto, Sachiko (Sachi) Yasunaga (Carl) and Mitsuko (Miki) Ojima (George) and husband Masayasu Bill Taura. She is survived by her children Jill Kiku Taura (Takamasa Onose), Richard Bill Taura and Constance Mie Tsuchiya (Todd Tsuchiya) and her four beloved grandsons, Joseph, Jacob and Ian Taura and Kyle Tsuchiya. Martha's loving kindness will live on in her family and in all who had the good fortune to know her. Visitation Saturday, April 29, 11:00 - Noon and Memorial Service at Noon, at Midwest Buddhist Temple, 435 W. Menomonee, Chicago, IL 60614. Koden (memorials) may be directed to the family for charitable designation. Info: www.**lakeviewfuneralhome**.com 773.472.6300

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Thomas, Thomas J.

Thomas J. Thomas, 95, of Evanston, Illinois, passed

away on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, in Evanston. Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church located at 501 A Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with a visitation beginning at 12:30 p.m. The Reverend Doctor Peter Andronache will officiate. Burial will follow at Linwood Cemetery in Cedar Rapids. **Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home & Cremation Service** of Cedar Rapids is assisting the family.

Tom was born on September 22, 1927, in Cedar Rapids, the son of John and Xenia (Kokinos) Thomas. He was a 1945 graduate of Cedar Rapids High Schools and went on to earn his BA and MA with a Fulbright Scholarship to the University of Iowa. He served honorably during WWII in the United States Navy. During his time in the service, he was on a transport trip onboard the USS Antietam for six months, traveling to Honolulu, the Philippines and China. Tom worked in education for over 35 years as a School Counselor at Niles North High School in Skokie, Illinois. He enjoyed traveling to Samos, Greece, to visit family for several months at a time. Tom wanted to be remembered as truthful, gentle, and fearless. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Tom is survived and lovingly remembered by his sister, Helen Litsis; nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, George Litsis.

Memorials in Tom's memory may be directed to the St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church.

Please share a memory of Tom at www.murdochfuneralhome.com under obituaries.

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Thompson, Joanne Prim Shade

Joanne Prim Shade Thompson, 80, of Chicago, IL

and formerly of Winnetka, IL, passed away on March 31, 2023. She was born October 10, 1942 in Lawrence, KS to Ernest John and Agnes Mary (White) Prim. She grew up on a farm in Overbrook, about 25 miles southwest of Lawrence. After graduating from a one-room country school and a small rural high school, she received scholarships to the University of Kansas, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Journalism degree, with distinction, in 1964. She had a successful career as a newspaper reporter, in public relations, and ultimately as a long-time freelance writer. An extended obituary can be found at www.cremation-society.com. She is survived by her husband, Richard Edward Thompson, of Chicago, IL; her son, Stephen E. Shade Jr., and daughter-in-law, Susan F. Shade, of Glencoe, IL; her grandchildren, Katherine E. Shade of San Francisco, CA and Andrew M. Shade of Nashville, TN; and her brother, John E. Prim of Morrisonville, NY. A Celebration of Joanne's life will be held Monday, May 8, 2023 at 10:00am at Unity Lutheran Church, 1212 W. Balmoral Ave., Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601. **Cremation Society of Illinois** has assisted the family with arrangements. 800-622-8358

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Walsh, Timothy Kleinman 'Tim'

Timothy (Tim) Kleinman Walsh, a long-time resident

of Morton Grove, passed away from a sudden heart attack on April 11th at the age of 63. Tim was born in Chicago in 1959 to parents Mary Kleinman Walsh (deceased) and Charles J. Walsh (deceased). He was a loving husband to Sally Walsh nee King and loving father to Danielle Schaefer and Nicole Walsh (Wade) Howard. Dear brother of Michael (the late Linda) Walsh, Betsey Walsh, Chas Walsh (deceased), Peter Walsh, Katie (Joe Espina) Walsh, Clareann (Jeff) Walsh-James, and Robert (Diana) Walsh. Kind brother-in-law of William (Jenn) King and Pam (Mark) Kandlbinder. Fond godfather of C.J. Walsh and uncle of nieces and nephews. Tim grew up in Bannockburn and graduated from Bannockburn Grade School and Loyola Academy in Wilmette. Tim was active in tennis until multiple injuries ended his budding tennis career. Tim was a car enthusiast and had a passion for vintage cars. He loved driving his Datsun 240Z around while listening to oldies. Tim enjoyed summers throughout his lifetime in Stevensville, MI at the family lake house. Tim attended Kendall College (Evanston, IL) and then became active in futures trading at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange for Northern Trust and E.F. Hutton. Tim then changed careers and worked for Fields BMW and Fields Infiniti automobile dealerships. He was currently an appraiser for Fields BMW. Tim will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Visitation Friday, April 28, 2023, 4:00 p.m. until a Funeral Service beginning at 6:30 p.m. After the funeral service, the visitation will resume until 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Services**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, IL 60077. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the: American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association Midwest Affiliate, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674. Info: donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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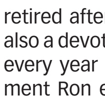
Wedryk, Ronald

Ronald Wedryk, age 81, U.S. Army Veteran, at rest



April 20, 2023. Beloved husband of Cynthia Wedryk (nee: Rahn) for 42 years. Loving father of Stephanie Wedryk (Wayne McEachron) and Nicole Lips. Devoted grandfather of Anthony and Nathan Lips, Brendan and Tarran McEachron. Ron was an International Tax Specialist for the IRS and retired after 35 years of dedicated service. He was also a devoted runner and ran the Chicago Marathon every year from 1977 – 2001. Following his retirement Ron enjoyed being an usher for the Chicago Cubs from 2004-2018. Ron's other interests included traveling the world, crossword puzzles and being a master of trivia. Memorial visitation Monday May 1, 2023 from 9:00 am until the time of Mass 10:00 am at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church 306 W. Fourth Street, Hinsdale. Services will conclude at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Hinsdale Humane Society would be appreciated. https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org/
Service information: 630-325-2300 or adolfservices.com

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Wittenberg, William J.

William J. Wittenberg, age 82, a resident of Carillon in Plainfield, IL, passed away April 20, 2023. Visitation Tuesday, April 25, 4:00-8:00 PM at **Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, corner of Routes 30 & 59, Plainfield. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, April 26, 10:30 AM at St. Mary Immaculate Church, 15629 S. Rt 59, Plainfield. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. For information please call 815/436-9221 or visit www.overman-jones.con for a complete obituary.

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Zehr, Alison Jean

Alison Jean Zehr, a longtime leader in Chicago

arts organizations and non-profits, died of cancer at Evanston Hospital on March 25, 2023. She was 69. The daughter of William Zehr and Elizabeth Murray Zehr, Alison was born in Evanston. Alison is survived by her sister, Judy Zehr; her brother, Robert Zehr; her nieces, Madeleine Zehr and Emma Overton; her nephew, Will Overton; 8 cousins; and a host of friends. Burial will be private. A celebration of Alison's life is planned for Sunday, June 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Woman Made Gallery, 2150 S. Canalport Ave., 4A-3. Remarks and remembrances will begin at 3 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Woman Made Gallery, 3Arts, WBEZ, and the Chicago Botanical Garden. Donnellan Family Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements. Info: **donnellanfuneral.com** or 847-675-1990.

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Zidek , Mary Lou 'Lucile'

Mary Lou (Lucile) Zidek nee Ryan, beloved wife of the late Ted Zidek. Loving mother of Robert, Richard (Nancy), and Kevin (Donna) Zidek. Proud grandmother of Marie (Stephanie) Zidek, Carolynn Zidek, Barbara (Dan) Ceballos, Kevin (Megan) Zidek, and great-grandmother of Sloan, Primoz, and Theo. Dear sister of Marvin (Betty) Ryan, and the late Ray (Virginia) Ryan, Jim (Lorraine) Ryan, and Irene (Alfie) Kruse. Funeral Wednesday 10:15AM prayers at Kosary Funeral Home 9837 S. Kedzie Avenue, Evergreen Park to St Bernadette Church Mass 11:00AM, Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 4:00-8:00PM. In lieu of flowers masses would be appreciated. For information call 708-499-3223.

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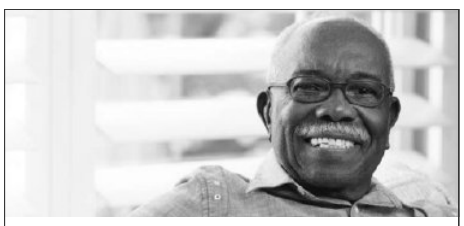

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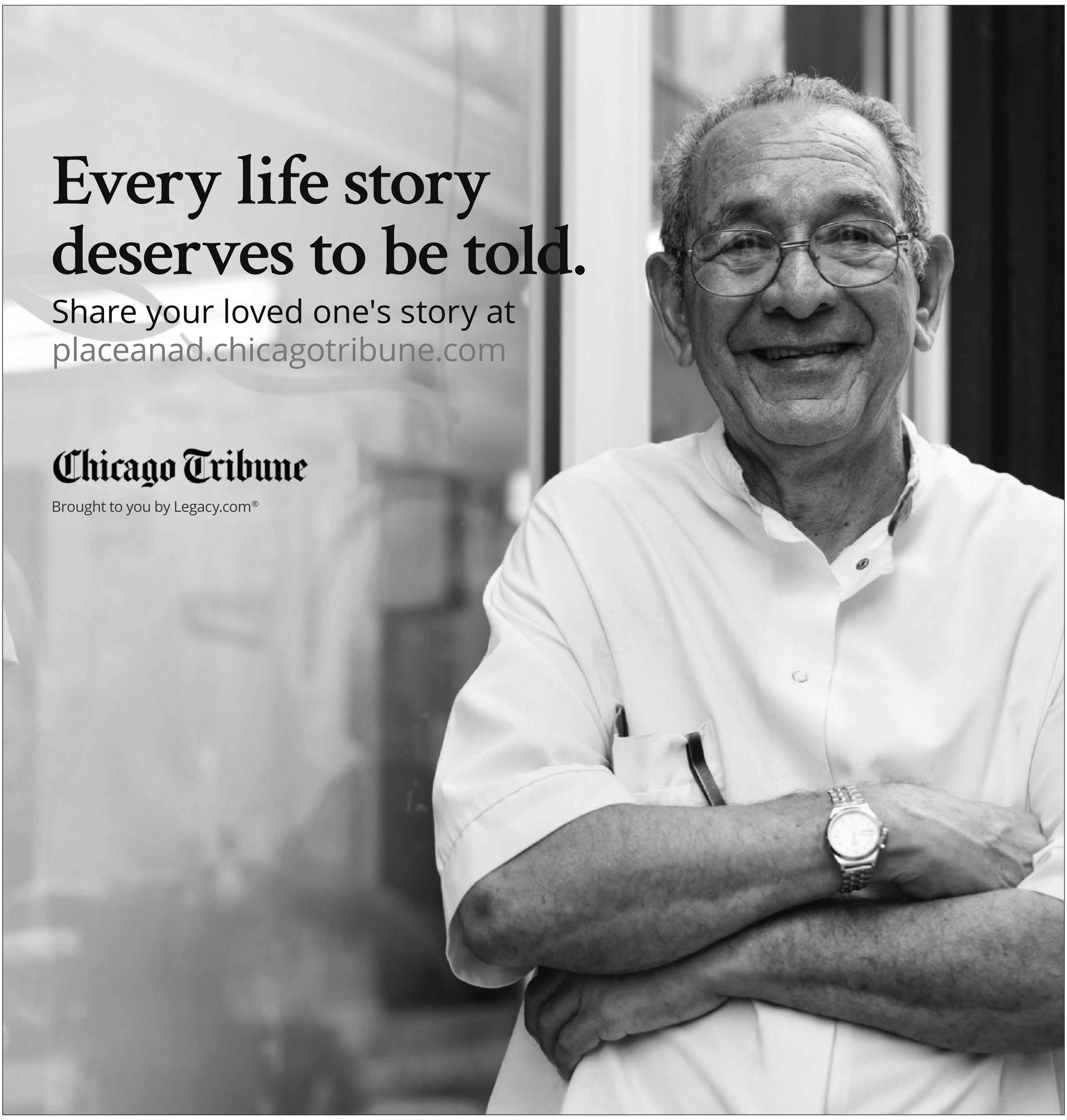

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Meteorologists Larry Mowry, Cheryl Scott, Jaisol Martinez, Tracy Butler and Greg Dutra

AccuWeather Outlook: Chilly with low clouds. Chilly tonight. Clearing in the south and downtown; partly cloudy in the northern and western suburbs.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night
High	44	50	50	46	53	63
Low	36	42	38	39	45	45
	Chilly with low clouds	Cool with intervals of clouds and sunshine	A shower in the a.m., then breezy; chilly	Breezy in the a.m.; mostly sunny, chilly	Mostly cloudy	Milder with clouds limiting sunshine
POP	25%	0%	55%	5%	10%	25%
Winds	W 7-14 mph	NNW 6-12 mph	ENE 8-16 mph	NE 8-16 mph	S 7-14 mph	S 8-16 mph

CHICAGO FORECAST

Sunday Conditions

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	1	1	2	2	1	0	0
RealFeel Temperature®	31	37	41	43	43	41	41

Sunday Activities

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Golfing Index	2	3	4	5	5	5	4
Fishing Index	0	0	4	4	3	2	2

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2** Low, **3-5** Moderate, **6-7** High, **8-10** Very High, **11+** Extreme. The patented **AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature** is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. **Golf and Fishing Indexes: 0-2**: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

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Saturday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	**47**
Low	**35**
Normal high	**62**
Normal low	**43**
Record high	**91** (1980)
Record low	**24** (1986)

Local Temperatures

through 6 p.m. Saturday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	45	36	63	39
Gary	47	39	62	43
Kankakee	46	35	64	41
Lansing	46	40	62	42
Midway	48	39	63	44
Romeoville	44	39	64	42
Valparaiso	49	37	65	42
Waukegan	45	37	58	38

Saturday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Saturday*	0.05"	0.80"	0.14"
Month to date	1.56"	3.32"	2.61"
Year to date	11.79"	10.47"	9.02"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Saturday

Pollen as of 4/21

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Mold
Moderate	Absent	Absent	Low

Source: National Allergy Bureau

Air Quality Index

Saturday's reading

Good

Sunday's forecast

Good

Primary pollutant **Particulates**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

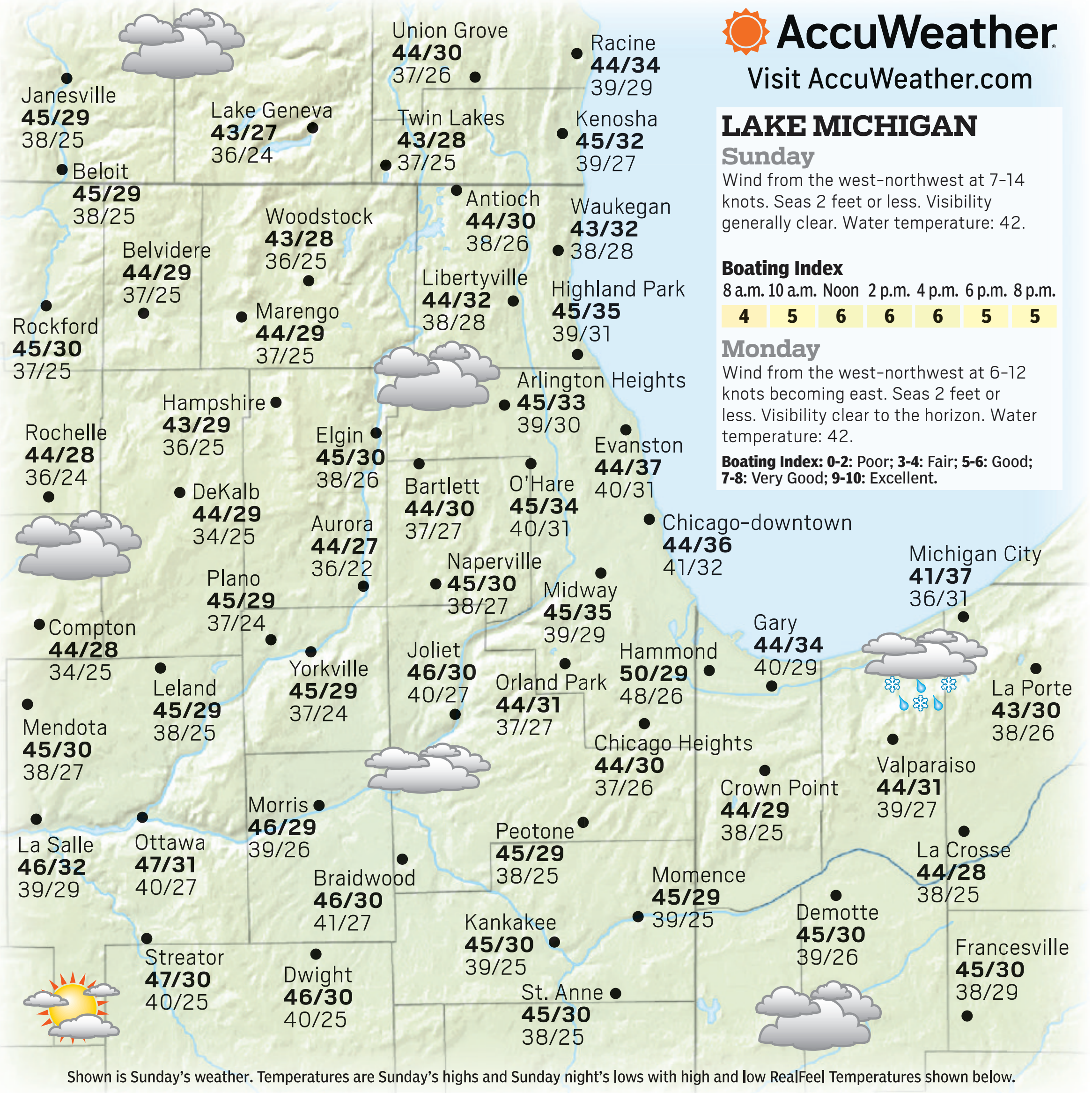
	Sun.	Mon.
Sunrise	5:59 a.m.	5:57 a.m.
Sunset	7:40 p.m.	7:41 p.m.
Moonrise	7:54 a.m.	8:38 a.m.
Moonset	none	12:00 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 27	May 5	May 12	May 19

Sunday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:18 a.m.	8:48 p.m.
Venus	7:55 a.m.	11:17 p.m.
Mars	10:11 a.m.	1:30 a.m.
Jupiter	5:43 a.m.	6:51 p.m.
Saturn	3:51 a.m.	2:37 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 8:10 p.m. Mars: 8:10 p.m. Jupiter: not visible Saturn: 5:30 a.m. Mercury: 8:10 p.m.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LAKE MICHIGAN

Sunday

Wind from the west-northwest at 7-14 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility generally clear. Water temperature: 42.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
4	5	6	6	6	5	5

Monday

Wind from the west-northwest at 6-12 knots becoming east. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility clear to the horizon. Water temperature: 42.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

Shown is Sunday's weather. Temperatures are Sunday's highs and Sunday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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A record chill gripped northern Florida on April 23, 1993. Tallahassee plunged to 31 degrees. The previous record of 41 was set in 1940. This was also the latest freeze recorded there last century.

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A: Radar

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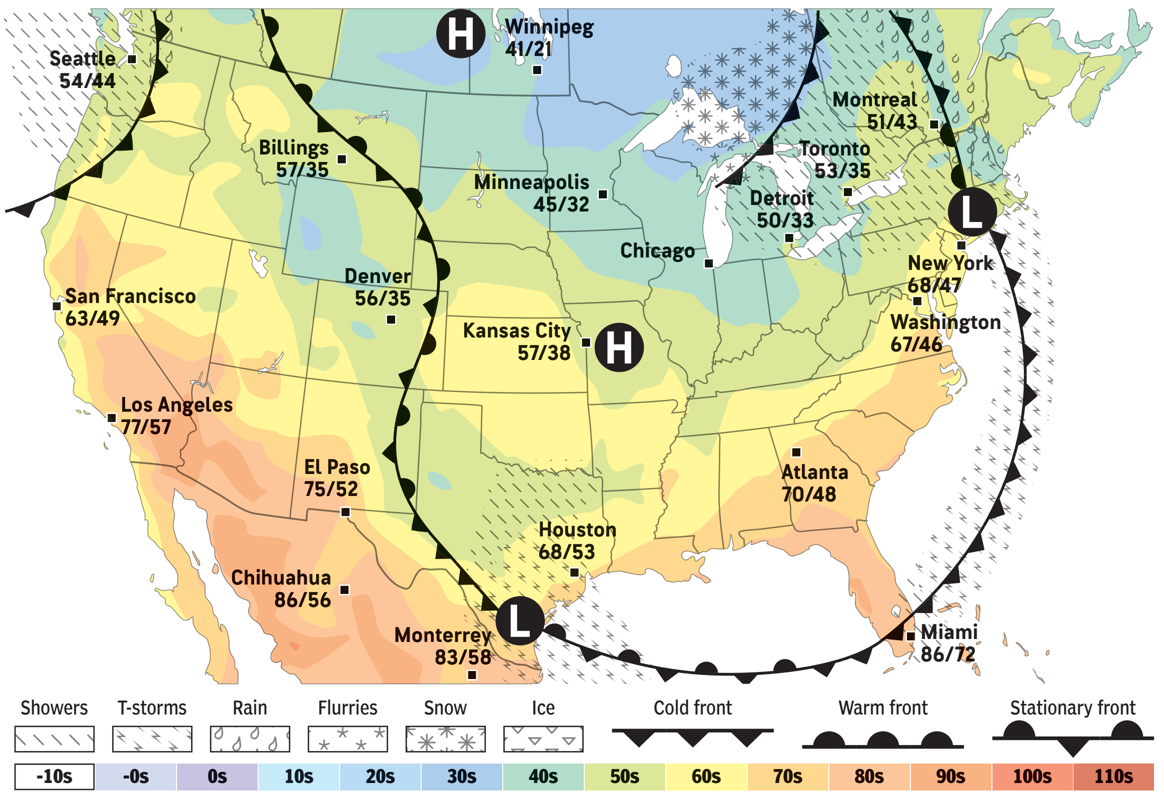
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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	57/32/s	63/40/s
Champaign	49/29/pc	60/41/pc
Decatur	50/31/s	60/44/pc
Moline	49/31/pc	58/43/pc
Peoria	48/30/s	58/43/pc
Quincy	53/32/s	62/45/pc
Rockford	45/30/c	56/40/pc
Springfield	52/30/pc	60/47/pc
Sterling	46/29/c	57/41/pc
Indiana		
Bloomington	50/29/pc	58/36/s
Evansville	55/33/pc	60/39/pc
Fort Wayne	47/32/c	53/33/c
Indianapolis	48/31/c	56/37/pc
Lafayette	48/32/c	57/41/pc
South Bend	44/31/sh	53/33/pc
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	45/30/c	50/33/sh
Kenosha	45/32/c	53/37/pc
La Crosse	48/30/c	53/33/pc
Madison	44/28/c	52/34/pc
Milwaukee	44/34/c	51/37/pc
Wausau	44/28/c	47/31/sh
Michigan		
Detroit	50/33/c	51/34/sh
Grand Rapids	43/32/c	49/29/sh
Marquette	34/25/sn	38/25/c
Sault Ste. Marie	38/32/sn	39/31/sn
Traverse City	41/32/c	47/30/sf
Iowa		
Ames	50/31/pc	55/40/pc
Cedar Rapids	46/25/pc	55/39/c
Des Moines	50/34/pc	56/42/c
Dubuque	44/28/c	52/38/s

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	50/46/sh	63/54/t
Albany, NY	58/41/r	55/37/c
Albuquerque	68/48/c	71/50/pc
Amarillo	54/40/c	66/48/t
Anchorage	43/22/pc	38/29/pc
Asheville	63/39/s	61/36/pc
Aspen	49/31/c	50/31/c
Atlanta	70/48/pc	68/46/c
Atlantic City	68/47/pc	64/44/s
Austin	61/51/r	70/58/pc
Baltimore	65/43/pc	62/40/pc
Billings	57/35/c	61/39/pc
Birmingham	67/44/pc	66/47/pc
Bismarck	49/23/pc	49/27/pc
Boise	61/43/t	57/36/sh
Boston	51/46/r	54/43/c
Brownsville	82/67/t	82/70/t
Buffalo	48/38/pc	47/34/sf
Burlington, VT	51/44/r	50/41/c
Charleston, SC	79/56/s	74/53/pc
Charleston, WV	56/38/pc	58/33/pc
Charlotte	72/48/s	67/45/s
Chattanooga	62/41/c	64/44/pc
Cheyenne	52/31/c	50/35/t
Cincinnati	50/33/pc	56/36/s
Cleveland	50/37/pc	50/34/sf
Colorado Spgs	52/32/c	59/40/t
Columbia, MO	55/35/pc	66/46/pc
Columbia, SC	77/55/pc	72/45/pc
Columbus, OH	50/35/c	51/33/pc
Concord	47/43/r	51/39/sh
Corpus Christi	72/59/r	75/68/t
Dallas	57/48/r	63/54/t
Daytona Beach	80/68/pc	80/66/sh
Denver	56/35/pc	61/38/c
Duluth	40/25/c	39/23/sf
El Paso	75/52/pc	85/63/s
Fairbanks	23/9/sn	27/9/c
Fargo	41/22/pc	46/23/s
Flagstaff	64/30/pc	65/35/c
Fort Myers	90/70/s	85/66/t
Fort Smith	68/41/c	66/51/sh
Fresno	82/54/s	82/52/s
Grand Junction	63/43/pc	66/43/t
Great Falls	54/32/c	52/36/pc
Harrisburg	63/40/sh	59/39/pc
Hartford	61/45/r	61/40/c
Helena, MT	59/37/c	52/38/t
Honolulu	85/73/pc	83/74/pc
Houston	68/53/t	75/61/pc
Int'l Falls	41/16/c	42/16/c
Jackson, MS	64/48/c	71/53/pc
Jacksonville	79/57/s	75/56/sh
Juneau	52/43/r	48/38/r
Kansas City	57/38/s	67/47/pc
Las Vegas	86/64/s	89/66/s
Lexington	52/32/s	56/36/s
Lincoln	59/37/s	65/43/pc
Little Rock	62/42/c	66/50/c
Los Angeles	77/57/s	72/55/pc
Louisville	56/37/pc	60/41/s
Macon	77/51/pc	73/44/c
Memphis	60/42/c	67/50/c
Miami	86/72/t	84/72/t
Minneapolis	45/32/pc	50/31/pc
Mobile	78/54/pc	75/51/pc
Montgomery	75/52/s	72/48/c
Nashville	60/37/s	65/42/s
New Orleans	77/62/c	75/64/pc
New York City	68/47/pc	62/45/pc
Norfolk	73/55/pc	62/49/s
Oklahoma City	64/43/c	57/47/t
Omaha	54/36/s	66/43/c
Orlando	85/66/pc	80/66/sh
Palm Beach	85/71/s	82/69/sh
Palm Springs	94/65/s	92/63/s
Philadelphia	68/46/pc	61/44/pc
Phoenix	95/68/s	91/66/s
Pittsburgh	48/36/c	50/34/c
Portland, ME	50/44/r	48/40/sh
Portland, OR	58/47/sh	58/42/sh
Providence	56/46/r	62/43/c
Raleigh	71/49/pc	68/43/s
Rapid City	49/25/pc	56/35/c
Reno	71/42/pc	71/42/s
Richmond	72/45/pc	66/41/s
Rochester	52/37/c	49/34/sf
Sacramento	79/50/pc	76/48/s
St. Louis	57/36/pc	64/45/pc
Salem, OR	56/46/sh	58/40/sh
Salt Lake City	61/45/pc	63/38/t
San Antonio	60/53/r	69/63/t
San Diego	69/60/s	65/58/pc
San Francisco	63/49/pc	63/49/s
San Juan	83/72/sh	84/72/sh
Santa Fe	64/41/c	67/43/pc
Savannah	78/56/s	76/54/sh
Seattle	54/44/sh	56/42/sh
Shreveport	60/46/r	69/53/pc
Sioux Falls	50/27/pc	57/37/pc
Spokane	55/41/t	54/39/c
Syracuse	56/38/pc	51/36/c
Tallahassee	83/59/s	77/55/pc
Tampa	89/69/s	81/66/t
Topeka	59/40/s	67/48/sh
Tucson	92/63/s	90/61/s
Tulsa	65/40/c	65/49/sh
Washington, DC	67/46/pc	61/43/pc
Wichita	63/39/pc	62/47/sh
Wilkes-Barre	65/39/sh	59/37/c
Yuma	97/65/s	92/64/s

Weather(W): s-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice. **POP**: Probability of Precipitation.

WORLD CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	88/73/pc	88/72/pc
Algiers	78/53/s	79/51/s
Amsterdam	58/45/r	50/39/sh
Ankara	57/42/sh	60/34/sh
Athens	69/52/s	70/55/pc
Auckland	70/60/pc	65/47/pc
Baghdad	97/67/pc	88/61/c
Bangkok	100/84/s	101/82/s
Barbados	86/76/sh	85/76/sh
Barcelona	68/54/pc	67/57/pc
Beijing	64/42/c	59/47/c
Beirut	73/60/pc	72/56/s
Berlin	64/51/sh	60/43/sh
Bermuda	70/62/pc	72/65/pc
Bogota	63/50/c	65/49/sh
Brussels	57/44/r	52/39/sh
Bucharest	68/43/pc	68/47/t
Budapest	73/51/pc	64/48/sh
Bueno Aires	69/63/c	70/64/pc
Cairo	83/62/c	85/62/s
Cancun	88/75/pc	88/75/c
Caracas	86/74/sh	88/73/pc
Casablanca	77/51/s	84/55/s
Copenhagen	56/47/r	55/43/sh
Dublin	54/41/c	49/30/c
Edmonton	57/38/c	56/36/c
Frankfurt	67/48/sh	57/42/sh
Geneva	66/48/t	60/46/sh
Guadalajara	91/55/pc	89/54/pc
Havana	87/68/pc	88/68/t
Helsinki	62/45/pc	60/44/c
Hong Kong	84/75/t	82/75/t
Istanbul	61/47/c	64/52/s
Jerusalem	74/54/c	72/49/s
Johannesburg	77/56/s	77/53/pc
Kabul	75/48/s	76/52/pc
Kingston	88/75/pc	87/76/pc
Kyiv	65/46/pc	64/44/sh
Lima	80/71/pc	80/70/c
Lisbon	72/55/s	76/55/pc
London	58/44/r	51/35/sh
Madrid	76/49/s	79/50/pc
Manila	94/81/pc	92/80/t
Mexico City	80/55/c	80/56/c
Monterrey	83/58/t	69/61/t
Montreal	51/43/r	49/41/c
Moscow	66/46/pc	67/46/c
Munich	62/47/t	56/41/sh
Nairobi	76/60/t	78/61/t
Nassau	85/71/s	83/72/pc
New Delhi	94/71/c	96/70/pc
Oslo	47/39/r	44/37/r
Ottawa	57/40/c	54/36/c
Panama City	91/69/pc	93/69/s
Paris	59/45/r	57/42/sh
Prague	61/46/t	60/40/sh
Rio de Janeiro	79/68/pc	78/71/pc
Riyadh	95/72/c	96/72/s
Rome	69/57/c	67/49/t
Santiago	75/47/s	79/46/s
Seoul	73/52/c	70/53/pc
Singapore	89/78/t	89/79/t
Sofia	63/44/t	65/48/t
Stockholm	60/40/sh	52/41/r
Sydney	72/63/c	70/57/r
Taipei	81/69/sh	76/67/sh
Tehran	84/64/pc	85/69/pc
Tokyo	63/52/pc	64/51/pc
Toronto	53/35/c	49/35/sf
Trinidad	86/75/t	85/75/sh
Vancouver	53/43/c	55/44/sh
Vienna	70/50/t	60/46/r
Warsaw	72/48/pc	71/49/c
Winnipeg	41/21/pc	44/23/s

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ANALYSIS

Abortion pill ruling avoids 2nd jolt

Less-ambitious court sticks to last year's reasoning in Dobbs

Adam Liptak
The New York Times

A medical assistant in Ridgewood, New Jersey, mails abortion pills this month to patients. **JACKIE MOLLOY/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

WASHINGTON — It was an interim ruling, and the majority gave no reasons. But the Supreme Court's order Friday night maintaining the availability of a commonly used abortion pill nonetheless sent a powerful message from a chastened court.

"Legal sanity prevailed, proving that, at least for now, disrupting the national market for an FDA-approved drug is a bridge too far, even for this court," said David Cohen, a law professor at Drexel University.

Ten months ago, five conservative justices overturned Roe v. Wade, eliminating a constitutional right to abortion that had been in place for a half-century. They did so almost as soon as a third Trump appointee arrived, tilting the balance on the bench sharply to the right. All three of the Trump justices were in the majority.

Cynics might be forgiven for thinking that the decision in June, in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, was a product of raw power. The public reaction was certainly negative, as the court's approval ratings sank and the decision itself proved deeply unpopular and a political windfall for Democrats.

In his concurrence in Dobbs, Chief Justice John Roberts said the majority had abandoned "principles of judicial restraint" at the cost of "a serious jolt to the legal system."

Friday's order avoided a second jolt.

But the Dobbs decision also made a kind of promise. The majority opinion, written by Justice Samuel Alito, said at least seven times that doing away with the right to abortion was an exercise of judicial modesty.

"The authority to regulate abortion must be returned to the people and their elected representatives," Alito wrote, in a formulation that, with only small variations, was sprinkled throughout the opinion like a refrain.

Friday's order, for the time being at least, vindicated that promise. The court blocked a sweeping ruling from Matthew Kacsmaryk, a federal judge in Texas appointed by President Donald Trump more noted for his anti-abortion bona fides than his legal acumen.

His ruling, based on judicial second-guessing of the many scientific studies buttressing the Food and Drug Administration's approval and regulation of the pill, would have upended a status quo in place for 23 years.

Nor did the justices accept, for now, a less assertive alternative from a divided three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The majority, made up of two Trump appointees, would have sharply curtailed but not eliminated the availability of the pill.

Since the court took up the case on an expedited basis, the justices could dissent without saying so publicly, making counting the votes an inexact science. On the available evidence, though, the vote Friday night appeared to be 7-2.

It is all but certain that the court's three liberal members — Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson — were in the majority. It is a good bet that Roberts, who staked out a compromise position in Dobbs, was with them.

And none of the members of the court appointed by Trump — Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett — noted a dissent.

That left two justices. One, Clarence Thomas, voted to allow the restrictions on the pill imposed by the 5th Circuit but gave no reasons.

The other was Alito, the author of the majority opinion in Dobbs. Notwithstanding his pledges that the court was getting out of the abortion business, he issued a dissent that packed a lot of grievance into its roughly three pages.

Soon after the Biden administration and Danco Laboratories, which manufactures the pill, filed emergency applications April 14 asking the Supreme Court to intervene, Alito, who oversees the 5th Circuit, paused Kacsmaryk's ruling for five days, until Wednesday. When that deadline arrived, he paused it for a second time, until Friday.

It is not clear how the justices spent the week, as it yielded only one opinion, the dissent from Alito. He devoted much of it to accusing the Biden administration of acting in bad faith.

Alito said, for instance, that the administration should have appealed a decision affirming abortion pill access from Judge Thomas Rice, a federal judge in Washington state appointed by President Barack Obama. Rice's decision was in tension with the one from Kacsmaryk, blocking the FDA from limiting the availability of mifepristone in much of the country.

Leah Litman, a law professor at the University of Michigan, said she found Alito's critique curious. If there was questionable conduct, she said, it was in the Texas litigation, as the lead plaintiff, a coalition of anti-abortion groups known as the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine, had taken steps to ensure that the case would appear before a friendly judge.

The case now returns to the 5th Circuit, which will hear arguments May 17. After it rules, the losing side will almost certainly appeal to the Supreme Court, and the justices would then have another chance to decide whether to weigh in.

It would be a mistake to read Friday's order as a definitive prediction of where they are headed. But there are reasons to think that an ambitious court has grown cautious.

Public aware of extreme weather in US, poll finds

54% in survey say events partly tied to climate change

By Hannah Fingerhut
Associated Press

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Climate activists protest the use of fossil fuels Saturday in front of the White House. Americans concerned about the environment observed the first Earth Day in 1970. **CAROLYN KASTER/AP**

WASHINGTON — An overwhelming majority of people in the country say they have recently experienced an extreme weather event, a new poll shows, and most of them attribute that to climate change.

But even as many across the country marked Earth Day on Saturday, the poll shows relatively few say they feel motivated when they talk about the issue.

The findings from Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll echo growing evidence that many individuals question their own role in combating climate change. Still, the poll suggests people are paying attention.

About half of U.S. adults say they have grown more concerned about the changing climate in the past year, and a growing number say they are talking about it.

Adriana Moreno said she feels like she's been talking about climate change for years, but it's only recently that the high school teacher has noticed her older family members bringing up the issue more and more — "almost every time I see them," said Moreno, 22, a Democrat in New York.

Her family on the East Coast talks about how the seasons have changed while her family in El Salvador talks about how poorly some crops on their farm are faring. After years of hearing about Moreno's interest in the issue, her parents have become more interested.

It's not that they didn't believe in climate change before, Moreno said, but it was "out of sight, out of mind."

Overall, about 8 in 10 U.S. adults say that in the past five years they have personally felt the effects of extreme weather, such as extreme heat or drought, according to the poll. Most of them — 54% of the public overall — say what they experienced was at least partly a result of climate change. They're not wrong, said the head of the federal agency overseeing weather and climate issues.

"It is a reality that regardless of where you are in the country, where you call home, you've likely experienced a high impact weather event firsthand," National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration chief Rick Spinrad said at a meteorological conference this year, noting that the United States has the most weather disasters that cost $1 billion of any nation in the world.

NOAA uses weather disasters that cost $1 billion as a measure of climate change and how it affects people. Last year there were 18 of those events, costing more than $165 billion in total and killing 474 people. That included Hurricane Ian and an ongoing drought in the West.

These types of weather events hit the nation on average once every 82 days in the 1980s, but are now smacking the country at a rate of slightly more than once every two weeks, Spinrad said.

"With a changing climate, buckle up," Spinrad warned. "More extreme events are expected."

The poll shows about three-quarters of U.S. adults say recent extreme weather events have had at least some influence on their beliefs about climate change.

Half of U.S. adults say they have spoken with friends and family about climate change in the past year, compared with about 4 in 10 who said the same last June.

Still, many say they rarely or never talk about the issue.

John Laubacker, 36, a truck driver from Lockport, New York, says climate is an important issue to him personally.

But he doesn't find himself talking about it much.

Laubacker, a moderate Republican, says he finds the conversation on climate, like other issues, is dominated by those with extreme views on both sides of the aisle.

The poll finds people don't tend to talk about climate change with people they outright disagree with on the issue.

The poll also finds few feel very hopeful or motivated when they talk about climate change; roughly half feel those at least somewhat. That's true of anxiety and sadness as well.

Anthony Thompson, 74, a retiree and a Democrat, thinks climate change has accelerated, but he picks and chooses who he talks to about it in Jackson, Tennessee.

But if it comes up when tornadoes or hailstorms tear through their area, he offers what he's learned as "food for thought."

To Thompson, changes in weather have become more severe — as has his concern.

"I'm more concerned now because I think people kind of take everything for granted and I don't think they really care, to be quite honest," he said. "Hopefully if we concentrate on some of this stuff we can at least slow it down."

The poll of 1,230 adults, conducted April 13-17, has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points.

Israelis protest legal changes before nation's landmark 75th birthday

Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — Tens of thousands of protesters flocked to Tel Aviv and cities across Israel on Saturday to vent their opposition to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's far-right government and its divisive plan to overhaul the country's judicial system.

The mass protest — which has raged weekly since the start of the year — comes just ahead of Israel's landmark 75th anniversary celebration. The holiday honoring Israel's founding in 1948, typically meant to be a display of national unity, has been marred by one of Israel's gravest crises in its history.

Plans by Netanyahu's government to weaken the Supreme Court have outraged Israelis who see it as an assault on their country's system of checks and balances and a threat to its very democracy.

"This is not about so-called judicial reform, it's about democracy," said Sheila Katz, head of the National Council of Jewish Women, from the rally in central Tel Aviv — a sea of blue-and-white national flags. "In order for your sacred courts to protect the rights of all people, they must remain independent from politics."

Netanyahu

Crowds of Israelis held signs marked with 75 for Israel's birthday and banners with the words "Crime Minister" overlaid on Netanyahu's face.

The protests have galvanized people across Israeli society. Thousands of officers in elite reserve units of the military have said they will refuse to report for duty. High-tech business leaders and the security establishment have come out against the proposal. Trade unions have called for a general strike.

President Biden, the leader of Israel's most crucial ally, has even publicly rebuffed Netanyahu, telling him that he "cannot continue down this road."

Public protests last month brought Israeli cities to a standstill and threatened to shut down the economy, compelling Netanyahu to delay the plan in hopes of finding a compromise.

But protesters have been undeterred. Crowds of Israelis chanting "Shame!" have flooded the streets in the weeks after Netanyahu backed down, demanding that the overhaul be scrapped altogether.

The plan would give Netanyahu, who is on trial on corruption charges, and his partners in Israel's most hard-line coalition in its history the final say in appointing judges. It would also give parliament, which is controlled by his allies, authority to overturn Supreme Court decisions and limit the court's ability to review laws.

NEWS BRIEFING

NAACP suing Miss. over state's policing takeover in Jackson

From news services

JACKSON, Miss. — The NAACP warns that "separate and unequal policing" will return to Mississippi's majority-Black capital under a state-run police department, and the civil rights organization is suing the governor and other officials over it.

Republican Gov. Tate Reeves says violent crime in Jackson has made it necessary to expand where the Capitol Police can patrol and to authorize some appointed rather than elected judges.

But the NAACP said in its lawsuit filed late Friday that these are serious violations of the principle of self-government because they take control of the police and some courts out of the hands of residents.

"In certain areas of Jackson, a citizen can be arrested by a police department led by a State-appointed official, be charged by a State-appointed prosecutor, be tried before a State-appointed judge, and be sentenced to imprisonment in a State penitentiary regardless of the severity of the act," the lawsuit says.

The legislation was passed by a majority-white and Republican-controlled state House and Senate. Jackson is governed by Democrats and about 83% of residents are Black, the largest percentage of any major U.S. city.

The governor said last week that the Jackson Police Department is severely understaffed and he believes the state-run Capitol Police can provide stability. The city of 150,000 residents has had more than 100 homicides in each of the past three years.

"We're working to address it," Reeves said in a statement Friday. "And when we do, we're met with overwhelming false cries of racism and mainstream media who falsely call our actions 'Jim Crow.'"

According to one of the bills Reeves signed into law Friday, Capitol Police will have "concurrent" jurisdiction with Jackson Police Department in the city. The expanded jurisdiction for the Capitol Police would begin July 1.

Another law will create a temporary court within a Capitol Complex Improvement District covering a portion of Jackson. The court will have the same power as municipal courts. The new law says people convicted in the Capitol Complex Improvement District Court may be put in a state prison rather than in a city or county jail.

The judge of the new court is not required to live in Jackson and will be appointed by the Mississippi Supreme Court chief justice. The current chief justice is a conservative white man.

Migrant camp fire: About two dozen makeshift tents were set ablaze and destroyed at a migrant camp across the border from Texas last week, witnesses said Friday, a sign of the extreme risk that comes with being stuck in Mexico as the Biden administration increasingly relies on that country to host people fleeing poverty and violence.

The fires were set Wednesday and Thursday at the sprawling camp of about 2,000 people, most of them from Venezuela, Haiti and Mexico, in Matamoros, near Brownsville, Texas. An advocate for migrants said they had been doused with gasoline.

It was not immediately known who was to blame in torching the tents. Cartel-backed gangs often draw suspicion in any border attacks because of their penchant for preying on migrants and demanding money for passage through their territory. But a government official suggested the fires could have been set by a group of migrants frustrated over their long wait to cross the border.

There were no reports of deaths or significant injuries.

Philippines-China talks: China's foreign minister said Saturday that his country is willing to work with the Philippines to resolve their differences, as tensions rise over Beijing's behavior in the disputed South China Sea and Manila's deepening military cooperation with the U.S.

Foreign Minister Qin Gang held talks in Manila with his Philippine counterpart, Enrique Manalo, and was scheduled to meet with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. just days before he travels to Washington for a meeting with President Joe Biden.

The Philippines has filed more than 200 diplomatic protests against China since last year, including at least 77 since Marcos took office in June. Most of the complaints refer to China's aggressive behavior in the South China Sea.

Drug sting gone wrong: A suspected drug trafficker is on the run with nearly 60 pounds of methamphetamine belonging to a California sheriff's department, authorities said.

The Press-Enterprise reported Friday that the Sheriff's Department in Riverside County, southeast of Los Angeles, is now trying to get its drugs back.

Authorities set up the sting Wednesday in an attempt to identify drug traffickers. Undercover deputies met with the suspect for the drug sale, and the suspect later drove away, the newspaper reported.

Deputies from the gang task force then attempted to pull over the suspect, who refused to yield and sped off, the department said in a statement.

Thailand swelters: Extreme heat has sent temperatures soaring in Thailand as authorities warned people to stay indoors.

The Meteorological Department's forecast Saturday said the highest temperature in the next 24 hours could reach 107 degrees in the country's north and could hit 104 degrees in the capital, Bangkok. The highest temperature Saturday was in the northern province of Phetchabun, at 109 degrees.

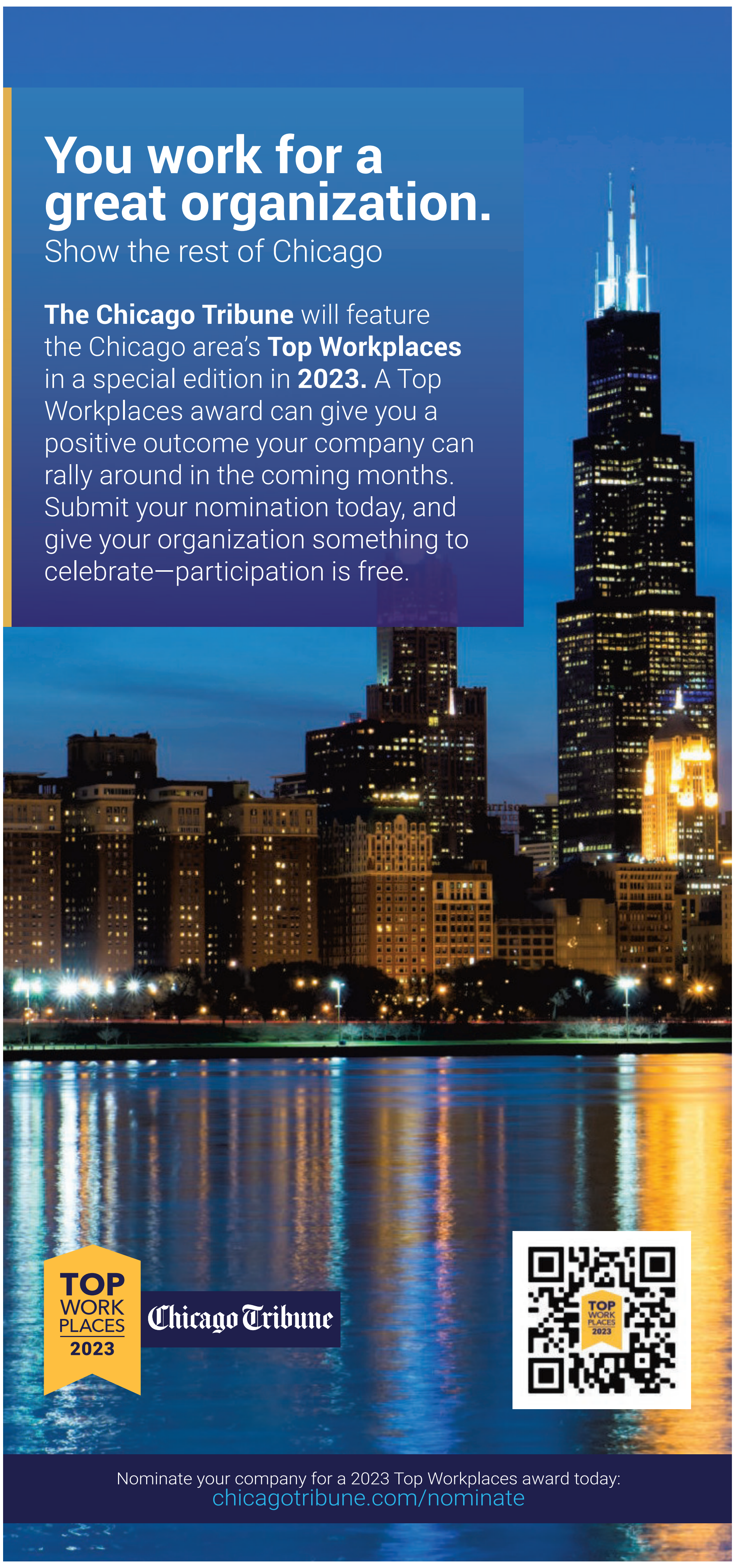
Saturday's highest heat index — which measures what the temperature feels like due to humidity — was forecast to be 129 degrees in the eastern province of Chonburi. On Sunday, the southern resort island of Phuket could feel hotter than 129 degrees.

Greece election: The campaign for Greece's May 21 national election officially opened Saturday with the dissolution of the parliament that was elected in July 2019.

Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis met with President Katerina Sakellaropoulou to propose the dissolution and she accepted it, as obliged by the Constitution. Mitsotakis said that with less than three months before lawmakers' four-year terms were due to end, next month's voting does not count as an early election.

Shortly after the meeting, Mitsotakis gave a televised address in which he defended his government's record. However, the prime minister's center-right New Democracy will be hard-pressed to continue leading Greece in another single-party government. Next month's legislative election will be the country's first under a proportional representation system, and polls show that none of the leading parties is expected to receive a majority of votes.

Red Rebel Brigade: Members of the performance troupe march Saturday in London at a demonstration as part of a four-day campaign by the climate change protest group Extinction Rebellion. The group is trying a less disruptive approach than its past, highly publicized actions of throwing paint on shops and being glued to famous works of art. **SUSANNAH IRELAND/GETTY-AFP**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Officials: Sudan airlift undertaken

US Embassy closed, personnel evacuated by American troops

By Matthew Lee, Tara Copp and Aamer Madhani
Associated Press

People fill barrels with water Saturday in the southern part of the Sudanese capital, Khartoum. Hundreds of people have been killed and thousands wounded since fighting erupted April 15 between rival military forces in the African country. **GETTY-AFP**

WASHINGTON — U.S. troops are carrying out a precarious evacuation of American embassy staffers in the African nation of Sudan, shuttering the U.S. embassy there as fighting rages for a ninth day, according to a senior Biden administration official.

U.S. troops safely left Sudanese airspace after airlifting American embassy personnel out of the capital, Khartoum, a second U.S. official confirmed.

President Joe Biden ordered American troops to evacuate embassy personnel after receiving a recommendation earlier Saturday from his national security team with no end in sight to the fighting, according to the official who spoke on the condition of anonymity due to the sensitive nature of the mission.

The evacuation order was believed to apply to about 70 Americans. U.S. forces were flying them from a landing zone at the embassy to an unspecified location.

The State Department has suspended operations at the embassy due to the dire security situation. It was not clear when the embassy might resume functioning.

According to the World Health Organization, fighting has killed more than 400 people since erupting April 15 between two factions whose leaders are vying for control over the country. The violence has included an unprovoked attack on an American diplomatic convoy and numerous incidents in which foreign diplomats and aid workers were killed, injured or assaulted.

The White House has said it has no plans for a government-coordinated evacuation of American citizens trapped in Sudan. An estimated 16,000 private U.S. citizens are registered with the embassy as being in Sudan. The State Department has cautioned that that figure probably is inaccurate because there is no requirement for Americans to register nor is there a requirement to notify the embassy when they leave.

The embassy issued an alert earlier Saturday cautioning that "due to the uncertain security situation in Khartoum and closure of the airport, it is not currently safe to undertake a U.S. government-coordinated evacuation of private U.S. citizens."

Fighting in Sudan between forces loyal to two top generals has put that nation at risk of collapse and could have consequences far beyond its borders.

The fighting, which began as Sudan attempted to transition to democracy, already has left millions trapped in urban areas, sheltering from gunfire, explosions and looters.

Army chief Gen. Abdel Fattah Burhan said Saturday he would facilitate the evacuation of American, British, Chinese and French citizens and diplomats from Sudan after speaking with the leaders of several countries that had requested help. The rival Rapid Support Forces, or RSF, in a Twitter posting said it cooperated with U.S. forces.

The U.S. evacuation planning got underway in earnest on Monday after the embassy convoy was attacked in Khartoum. The Pentagon confirmed on Friday that U.S. troops were being moved to Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti ahead of a possible evacuation.

Saudi Arabia announced the successful repatriation of some of its citizens on Saturday, sharing footage of Saudi nationals and other foreigners welcomed with chocolate and flowers as they stepped off an apparent evacuation ship at the Saudi port of Jeddah.

For many remaining in Khartoum, the most immediate challenge is to safely leave the homes where they have been sheltering for the past week. One U.N. official said a diplomatic vehicle traveling to her home had been stopped by armed men and robbed of all valuables.

Embassy evacuations conducted by the U.S. military are relatively rare and usually take place only under extreme conditions.

When it orders an embassy to draw down staff or suspend operations, the State Department prefers to have its personnel leave on commercial transportation if that is an option. When the embassy in Kyiv temporarily closed just before Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February, 2022, staffers used commercial transport to leave.

However, in several other recent cases, notably in Afghanistan in 2021, conditions made commercial departures impossible or extremely hazardous. U.S. troops accompanied personnel from the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli, Libya, in an overland convoy to Tunisia when they evacuated in 2014.

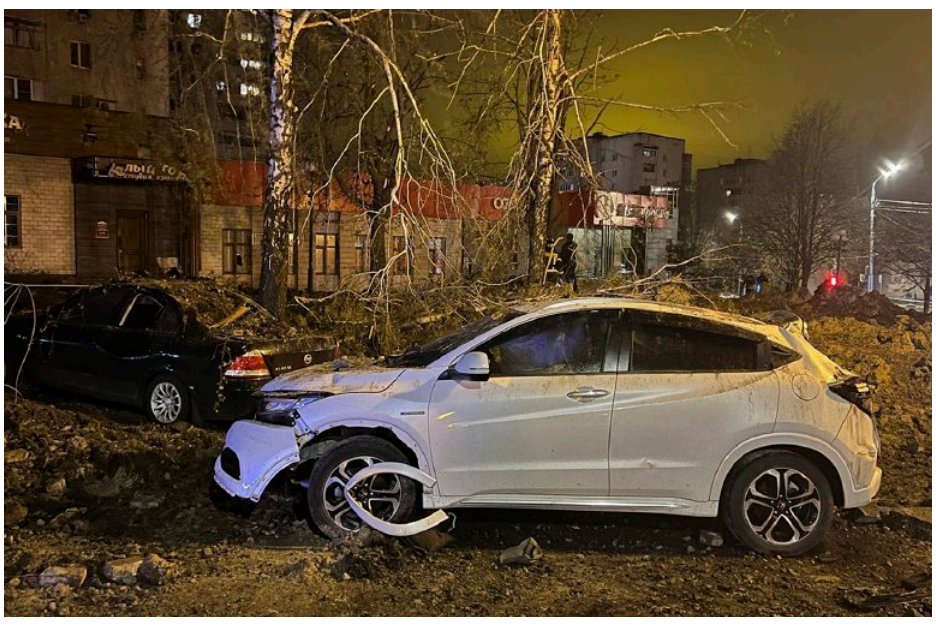
As the clashes continued, Sudan's health care system was teetering, and there were few signs that the two warring factions would stop fighting. Out of 78 major hospitals in the country, 55 are operational, according to the physicians association.

"The health care system is about to collapse," Mohamed Eisa, the secretary-general of the Sudanese American Physicians Association, a U.S.-based nonprofit, said in a telephone interview from Khartoum. "We must secure a safe passage for the injured."

Gunfire had stopped Friday evening, leaving Khartoum residents hopeful that a break was in sight. Eisa said that for the first time, he had been able to get some sleep at his home in southern Khartoum, where the fighting has been continuous.

It did not last long.

He woke up Saturday morning to the sound of gunfire and heavy machinery. "It was as if nothing had happened," he said of the dashed hopes for some respite.



A blast rocked Belgorod after a Russian Su-34 plane mistakenly dropped a bomb on the city, which is near the Ukraine border. **TELEGRAM CHANNEL OF GOV. VYACHESLAV GLADKOV**

WAR IN UKRAINE

After Russia bombs own city, explosive device found at site

Associated Press

Seventeen apartment buildings were evacuated Saturday in a Russian city near the Ukrainian border after an explosive device was found at the site where a bomb accidentally dropped by a Russian warplane caused a powerful blast last week, authorities said.

The bomb blast late Thursday rocked part of Belgorod, leaving a large crater and three people injured. The Russian Defense Ministry quickly acknowledged that a weapon accidentally released by one of its own Su-34 bombers caused the explosion.

The ministry said an investigation was underway but did not elaborate on the details of the weapon, which military experts said likely was a powerful 1,100-pound bomb.

The governor of Belgorod province, Vyacheslav Gladkov, reported Saturday that sappers examining the site of Thursday's blast found and decided to detonate what he called an "explosive object" that was "in the immediate vicinity of residential buildings."

The precautionary evacuations ended later in the day, according to Belgorod Mayor Valentin Demidov.

"The bomb was removed from the residential area. Residents are being delivered back to their homes," Demidov wrote on Telegram.

Russian authorities did not say if the detonated device was dropped by accident Thursday and if so, if it was a remnant of or separate from the bomb that exploded in the city.

Belgorod, which is about 25 miles east of the Russia-Ukraine border, has faced regular drone attacks since Russia sent troops into Ukraine last year. Russian authorities have blamed those strikes on the Ukrainian military, which refrained from directly claiming responsibility for the attacks.

Also Saturday, the Russian Foreign Ministry said that German authorities had "decided on another mass expulsion of employees of Russian diplomatic missions in Germany."

A ministry statement said that "as a reaction to the hostile actions of Berlin," Russia decided to "mirror" the expulsions by Germany and "significantly limit" the maximum number of staff at German diplomatic missions in Russia.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said Russia is expelling more than 20 German diplomats, Russian state media reported.

Germany's Foreign Ministry said it took note of the comments. It said that the German government and Russia had been in contact in recent weeks on "questions regarding the staffing of the respective diplomatic missions" and that a flight Saturday took place in that context. It didn't elaborate.

The German air force said earlier that a Russian plane flew to Berlin with diplomatic clearance Saturday, but didn't specify who or what was on board. Special clearance is required because the European Union closed its airspace to Russian aircraft shortly after the war started.

Ala. education director fired over manual's stance on race

By Kim Chandler
Associated Press

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey fired her director of early childhood education Friday over the use of a teacher training book that addresses inclusion and systemic racism. **JULIE BENNETT/AP**

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey announced Friday that she replaced her director of early childhood education over the use of a teacher training book, written by a nationally recognized education group, that the Republican governor denounced as teaching "woke concepts" because of language about inclusion and structural racism.

Barbara Cooper was forced out as head of the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education after Ivey expressed concern over the distribution of the book to state-run prekindergartens. Ivey spokesperson Gina Maiola identified the book as the National Association for the Education of Young Children Developmentally Appropriate Practice Book, 4th edition.

Maiola said the books have been removed from the state classrooms.

"The education of Alabama's children is my top priority as governor, and there is absolutely no room to distract or take away from this mission. Let me be crystal clear: Woke concepts that have zero to do with a proper education and that are divisive at the core have no place in Alabama classrooms at any age level, let alone with our youngest learners," Ivey said in a statement.

Ivey's statement comes as conservative politicians have made a rallying cry out of decrying so-called woke teachings, with schools sometimes emerging as a flashpoint over diversity training and parents' rights.

The governor's office said Ivey first asked Cooper to "send a memo to disavow this book and to immediately discontinue its use."

Ivey's office did not say how Cooper responded but that the governor made the decision to replace Cooper and accepted her resignation.

Cooper could not be reached for comment.

The book is a guide for early childhood educators. It is not a curriculum taught to children.

The governor's office, in a news release, cited two examples from the book — one discussing white privilege and that "the United States is built on systemic and structural racism" and another that Ivey's office claimed teaches LGBTQ+ inclusion to 4-year-olds.

Those sections, according to a copy of the 881-page book obtained by The Associated Press, discuss combating bias and making sure all children feel welcome.

"Early childhood programs also serve and welcome families that represent many compositions. Children from all families (e.g., single parent, grandparent-led, foster, LGBTQIA+) need to hear and see messages that promote equality, dignity, and worth," the book states.

The section on structural racism states that "systemic and structural racism ... has permeated every institution and system through policies and practices that position people of color in oppressive, repressive, and menial positions. The early education system is not immune to these forces."

It says preschool is one place where children "begin to see how they are represented in society" and that the classroom should be a place of "affirmation and healing."

NAEYC is a national accrediting board that works to provide high-quality education materials and resources for young children. In an emailed response to the AP, the group did not address Ivey's statements but said the book is a research-based resource for educators.

"For nearly four decades, and in partnership with hundreds of thousands of families and educators, Developmentally Appropriate Practice has served as the foundation for high-quality early childhood education across all states and communities. While not a curriculum, it is a responsive, educator-developed, educator-informed, and research-based resource that has been honed over multiple generations to support teachers in helping all children thrive and reach their full potential," the statement read.

Cooper is a member of the NAEYC board.

Tiny town goes big for total eclipse

Exmouth, Australia, among mere 4 spots in world to see event

By Natasha Frost
The New York Times

Astrophotography enthusiasts stage their equipment Wednesday in Exmouth, Australia, the day before the eclipse. **MATTHEW ABBOTT/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

EXMOUTH, Australia — For tens of thousands of astrophotographers, eclipse chasers and cosmically minded tourists who had contemplated the best site from which to view Thursday's total solar eclipse, the town of Exmouth, perched on a finger of land jutting from Australia's west coast, was the simplest solution to a problem of extreme scarcity.

The narrow ribbon across the planet from which the eclipse was visible crossed land in just four places: the remotest reaches of East Timor and Western Papua, in Indonesia; freckle-like Australian islands, one of which is controlled by the oil company Chevron; and Exmouth, a tiny tourist destination and former U.S. naval base 770 miles from the nearest city.

When the moment arrived around midday, the expectant swarm of visitors on the town's beach watched as bands of palest aquamarine and deep slate gray passed across the sea. Seagulls dispersed. In the shadows of palm fronds, spots of light exploded into crescent moons. Winds changed direction. Stars came twinkling into view in a strangely foreboding sky. Temperatures plummeted, and people began to hug themselves and one another.

Then, basking in the shrinking sliver of sunlight, Tara D'cruz-Noble, Bob Mackintosh and their children, Eliah and Luella, lay down on the silvery sand and removed their eclipse glasses.

Darkness barreled in, and, for a terrible minute, the moon entirely occluded the light of the sun — except for its dancing orange corona, the outermost part of the sun's atmosphere that is usually hidden by its powerful light.

Then, just as quickly as it had disappeared, the sun re-emerged on the other side of the moon, and a loud cheer perforated the hush: "Welcome back!" D'cruz-Noble hugged Luella, then ran her hands up and down her arms. "I've still got goosebumps," she said.

For those witnessing the event, it felt as though the world had stopped.

And yet for Exmouth, a town of 3,000 people, the event was the celestial gift that no one asked for.

Every year, Exmouth sees a regular influx of a few thousand vacationers, drawn by its pristine reef and resident whale sharks. But to accommodate a mass of 20,000 or 30,000 visitors required years of planning and millions of dollars in state support that went toward infrastructure updates, hundreds of portable toilets, dozens of additional emergency workers, the clearing of 5 acres of forestland and a 1.5-million-gallon water tank.

"It sounds pretty daunting, doesn't it?" said Darlene Allston, a top local official.

In many instances, hotels and other tourism-industry operators first learned of the eclipse from savvy tourists who had booked their accommodations four or more years earlier. When someone emailed the town's visitor center in 2018 seeking a booking, "We thought it was a joke at first," said Jessica Smith, who worked there.

The town has no recycling system, only recently got its first store that sold underwear, and has so few places to eat that locals avoid visiting them too often "so we don't get sick of the options," as Sonia Beckwith, who owns a tourism business and is originally from Washington state, put it.

The arrival of tens of thousands of visitors, as well as dozens of food trucks and a free three-night music festival, shook the town to its core. "We're not used to this," Beckwith said.

Some enterprising business owners seized on the opportunity to make a quick buck, or even thousands, with rooms priced at many multiples of their usual high-season peak.

"It's tough when you have a unique solar event as leverage," said Laurence Randor, who had driven from Perth at the urging of his three teenage children. "Camping is the price to pay."

For people like Kryss Katsiavriades, a retired data analyst who had traveled from London with his wife, Talaat Qureshi, to witness his 30th eclipse, weather is an all-important consideration. Exmouth, a town of clinging red dust, silken sands and scrubby sun-bleached grasses, offered excellent odds on a clear blue sky, he said.

"You've got to see the whole thing," he said.

Exmouth's brush with celestial spectacle was a result of sublime serendipity. If not for the 55-mile-long peninsula on which Exmouth sits, hugging the Indian Ocean, the total eclipse would have missed Australia altogether.

As if to compound this stroke of luck, a Category 4 cyclone that delivered record-breaking winds to Western Australia days earlier missed the peninsula, clearing it by hundreds of miles.

Then there is the astronomical oddity that makes eclipses possible. Of the 227 moons that orbit planets in the solar system, only the Earth's is the right size and distance away to precisely cover the sun in the sky.

For some visitors, it was a moment months in the making.

Wesley Garth, a 16-year-old astrophotography enthusiast from West Gippsland, in the Australian state of Victoria, worked six months of shifts at McDonald's to fund his journey, which included two flights and a seven-hour bus ride.

It was more than worth the trouble, he said. "Solar prominences, corona, oh my God!" Garth said. "It was life-changing. I'm still trembling."

Whitewashing Jan. 6 riot with familiar song

Experts: Trump uses national anthem as 'propaganda' tune

By David Klepper
Associated Press

Former President Donald Trump stands while a song, "Justice for All," is played during a March 25 campaign rally at Waco Regional Airport in Waco, Texas, as footage from the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol insurrection plays in the background. **EVAN VUCCI/AP**

WASHINGTON — The song is simple and tinny, but that hasn't stopped it from being embraced by former President Donald Trump and his allies in their campaign to rewrite the history of the deadly Capitol riot.

The tune of "Justice for All" is from "The Star-Spangled Banner," and it was sung by a group of defendants jailed over their alleged roles in the January 2021 insurrection. Recorded over a prison phone line, the national anthem sounds more like a dirge than celebration and is overlaid with Trump reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Despite its low fidelity, "Justice for All" has garnered a lot of fans. Trump, a Republican, played it at a recent rally in Waco, Texas, as images of Capitol rioters flashed behind him on a big screen, and the $1.29 song last month briefly vaulted to No. 1 on iTunes, supplanting such recording artists as Miley Cyrus and Taylor Swift.

Experts on extremism and propaganda say the song is another example of how Trump and his most ardent supporters are trying to gloss over an avalanche of evidence proving the Capitol riot was anything but an act of patriotic resistance.

And it shows how such revisionists have dug deep into authoritarian playbooks that rely heavily on the use of national identity to sway public opinion. In this case, Trump and his allies are ironically relying on America's most patriotic song in their efforts to whitewash an insurrection that contributed to five deaths and left more than 120 police officers injured, experts said.

"We should not be surprised that this propaganda is effective, but it is shocking to see this in this country," said Federico Finchelstein, chair of the history department at the New School for Social Research in New York, and an expert in authoritarian disinformation. "What they are demanding is that reality be put aside for the loyalty of the leader. And that leader in this case is Donald Trump."

Law enforcement officials who battled rioters are aghast, calling the song a cynical effort to mislead Americans about the truth of what transpired during the Jan. 6 attack.

"Some of these people are trying to get a rise out of people, and some of these people are just using it to make a buck," said Capitol Police Officer Harry Dunn, who received the Presidential Citizens Medal for his actions Jan. 6. "People can believe whatever they want to believe, but this is real life."

Polls show Americans remain divided by ideology when it comes to their views of Jan. 6. A survey last year from Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that about half believe Trump's involvement warranted criminal charges. A second poll revealed that only about 4 in 10 Republicans recall the attack as very violent or extremely violent.

Those doubts have been fueled by cable television hosts and far-right podcasters who have spent two years pushing outlandish theories to mitigate the horror of that deadly day.

Jan. 6 defendants who issued tearful apologies and expressions of remorse in court are now boasting of their participation or seeking to profit from it. Groups have sprung up to sell T-shirts emblazoned with "Free the Jan. 6 Protesters" and other merchandise that seek to portray the rioters as principled demonstrators. Many say they want to raise money for the Jan. 6 defendants and their families.

That is the case with the groups behind "Justice for All," or at least what they claim. Just as in other commercial ventures involving staunch Trump supporters and conspiracy theorists, it is difficult to pin down even basic facts about the song's production and profits.

The song's producers won't say how much the song has raised, disclose how the proceeds will be split among Jan. 6 defendants or identify the vast majority of 20 or so participants on the recording. They have, however, been eager to tout the song's success.

"Buh Bye Miley, Taylor, Rihanna, and all the rest who spent Millions trying for the coveted Number 1 spot," one of the producers, Kash Patel, wrote on Trump's social media platform, Truth Social, on March 21. "Hello new Music Mogul @realDonaldTrump. We just took a flame thrower to the music industry."

Claiming the top spot may provide bragging points, but conquering the iTunes chart isn't the achievement it once was, as the number of people downloading music has plummeted given the popularity of streaming services like Spotify.

Aside from the $1.29 download, vinyl records of the song are sold online in different color schemes — prices range from $99.99 to $199.99.

Released in early March, the song is associated with the Justice for All Project Inc., a nonprofit registered the same month with an address in Sarasota, Florida. Ed Henry, a former Fox News personality, is listed as a director of the organization and is credited with Patel as being a producer of "Justice for All."

Another director of the nonprofit is Tom Homan, former head of Immigration and Customs Enforcement under Trump. He is also the CEO of the America Project, a Florida group that has spent millions of dollars on efforts to undermine faith in U.S. elections. The group has sponsored conferences for election deniers and helped bankroll the partisan and flawed review of Arizona ballots following the 2020 election. It now has chapters in several states.

The America Project was founded in 2021 by Michael Flynn, a former Army general who briefly served as Trump's national security adviser, and Patrick Byrne, the founder of the online retailer Overstock.com. In a series of text messages, Byrne told The Associated Press that the America Project helped create the song.

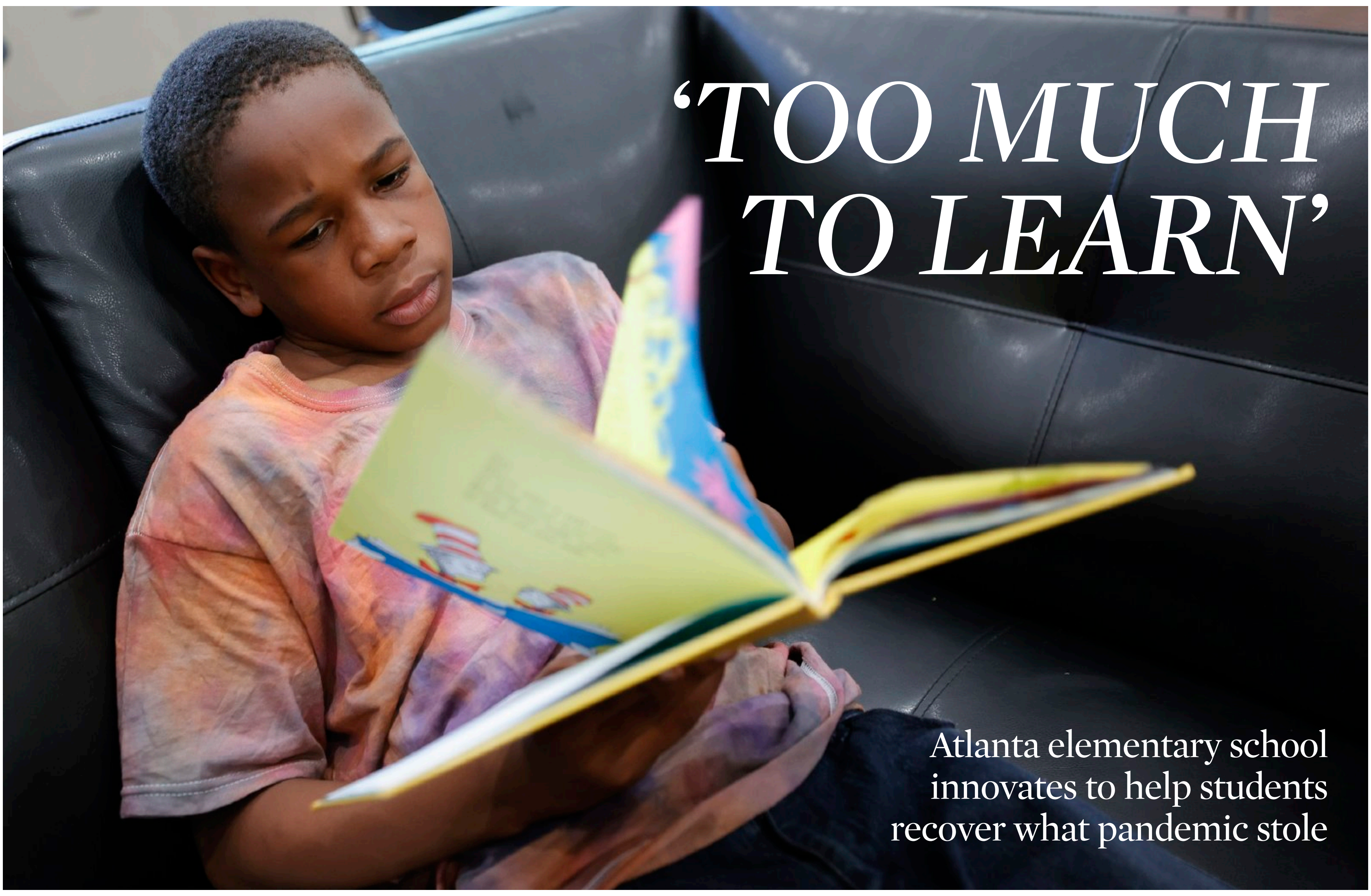
Further obscuring the song's genesis: Its record label is listed as Mailman Media, a for-profit company that was only registered in Florida in February. It's unclear which organization receives proceeds from the song. Mailman Media's involvement was first reported by Forbes.

A spokeswoman for Patel and Henry declined to respond to questions about the song.

Others who are working to assist Capitol riot defendants and their families said they also have few insights into how the song will help their cause.

"None of the organizations that are working on this are aware" of how the money will be spent, or how it will help Jan. 6 defendants, said Trennis Evans, a Jan. 6 participant who operates a legal advocacy group for other defendants known as Condemned USA. Evans pleaded guilty last year to a federal misdemeanor for illegally entering the Capitol.

The 20 inmates singing in the J6 Prison choir make up a tiny fraction of the 1,000 people who have been charged with federal crimes related to the riot. More than 600 have pleaded guilty or been convicted, and more than 450 have been sentenced, with over half receiving prison terms ranging from seven days to 10 years.



‘TOO MUCH TO LEARN’

Atlanta elementary school innovates to help students recover what pandemic stole

Michael Crowder, 11, reads during an after-school literacy program April 6 at Boyd Elementary School in Atlanta. He is trying to catch up after missing much of grades one and two. **ALEX SLITZ/AP**

By Bianca Vazquez Toness
Associated Press

Michael Crowder stands nervously at the front of his third grade classroom, his mustard-yellow polo shirt buttoned to the neck.

“Give us some vowels,” says his teacher, La’Neeka Gilbert-Jackson. His eyes search a chart that lists vowels, consonant pairs and word endings, but he doesn’t land on an answer. “Let’s help him out,” Gilbert-Jackson says.

“A-E-I-O-U,” she and the students say in unison.

Michael missed most of first grade, the foundational year for learning to read. It was the first fall of the pandemic, and for months Atlanta only offered school online. Michael’s mom had just had a baby, and there was no quiet place to study in their small apartment. He missed a good part of second grade, too. So, like most of his classmates at his Atlanta school, he isn’t reading at the level expected for a third grader.

And that poses an urgent problem.

Third grade is the last chance for Michael’s class to master reading with help from teachers before they face more rigorous expectations. If Michael and his classmates don’t read fluently by the time this school year ends, research shows they’re less likely to complete high school. Third grade has always been pivotal in a child’s academic life, but pandemic-fueled school interruptions have made it much harder. Nationally, third graders lost more ground in reading than kids in older grades, and they’ve been slower to catch up.

To address pandemic learning loss, Atlanta has been one of the few cities in the country to add class time — 30 minutes a day for three years. That’s more time for Gilbert-Jackson to explain the confusing ways English words work and to tailor lessons to small groups of students based on their abilities.

She hopes it will be enough. The school year has been a race to prepare her students for future classes in which reading well is a gateway to learning everything else.

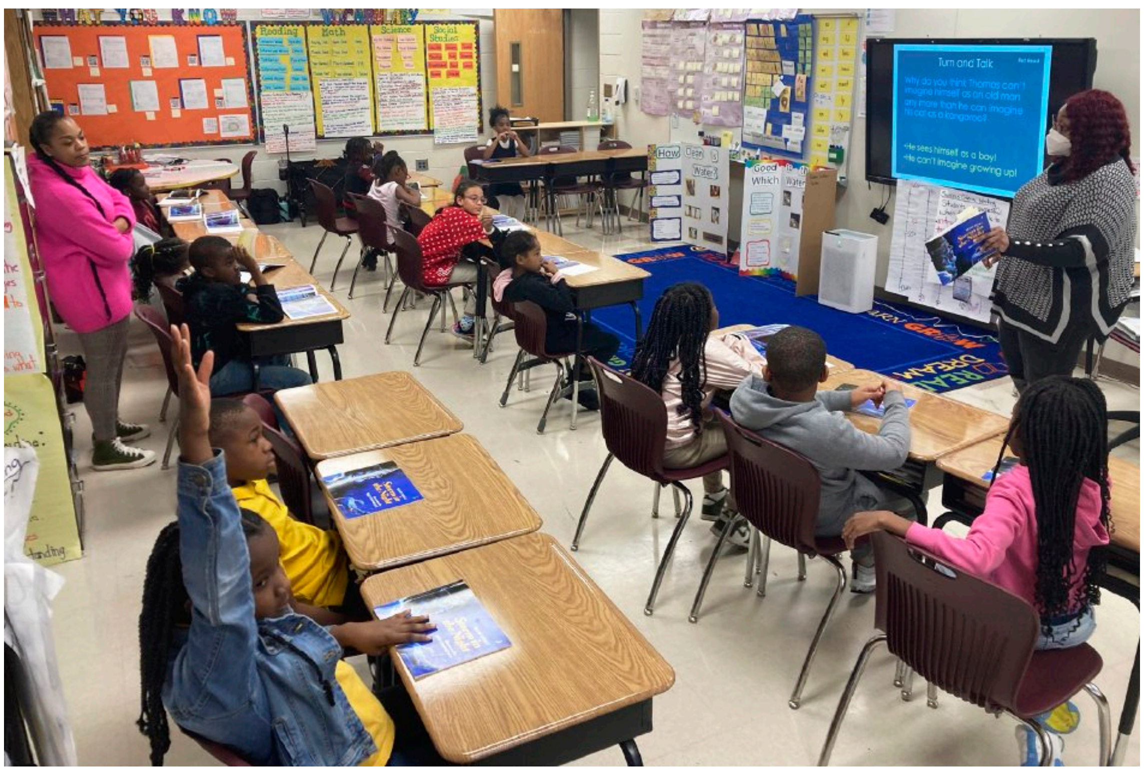
“Yes, I work you hard,” she says about her students. “Because we have too much to learn.”

Slow progress

Right before December vacation, Gilbert-Jackson’s class is subdued and visibly tired. A handful of students, anticipating the long break, don’t come to school. One girl has been out for weeks; now, back in class, she swings her arm across her desk and tries to go to sleep.

“You gotta wake up, baby girl,” Gilbert-Jackson says to her gently. “You need to tell Mama to put you to bed.”

The lethargy is palpable, but Gilbert-Jackson moves on with her lessons. She reviews suffixes, how to spell words ending in -ch, -tch, and how to make different words plural. Some students have spellings memorized; for those who don’t, Gilbert-Jackson explains the rules that govern spelling. It’s a phonics-based program that the district now mandates for all third graders, in line with science-backed curricula gaining momentum across the country.



Boyd Elementary’s La’Neeka Gilbert-Jackson, far right, has an advantage: She has known most of her students since the pandemic, taught them in first and second grades, and followed them to third. **SHARON JOHNSON/AP**

Last year, the district started mandating the same curriculum for all first and second graders. It can be dry and tedious stuff, replete with obscure jargon like “digraph” and “trigraph.” The strong readers nod and respond during these sessions, but the students still learning the basics look lost.

To inject fun into the lesson, Gilbert-Jackson turns it into a quiz game. The students perk up as they race to set up their laptops.

“Teach,” Gilbert-Jackson calls out. “How do you spell teach?”

Students have to choose between “teach” and “teatch.”

“Yes!” some of the children shout from their desks as their scores pop onto their screens.

Says Gilbert-Jackson: “I don’t know why I’m hearing so many yeses when only half got it right.”

Familiar connection

As the first semester draws to a close, 14 of her 19 students aren’t meeting expectations for reading. That includes Michael.

Gilbert-Jackson has an important advantage: She has known Michael and most of his classmates and their parents since the first fall of the pandemic. She taught them in first grade and second grade, and followed them to third. She knows how much school many of them missed — and why. The strategy was adopted by Boyd Elementary to give students some consistency through the crisis.

It has paid off. The steady relationship has helped her adapt her approach and care for her students at a school where 81% of families receive food stamps or other government assistance. “I know what they know,” she says.

The long-term connection — or perhaps just the continuity of attending school every day — has helped Michael start reading. At the end of first grade he knew two of the so-called “sight words” — “a” and “the.” By that point in the year, first graders were expected to have memorized 200 of these high-frequency words that aren’t easily decoded by new readers.

Now, midway through third grade, he is reading like a midyear first grader — two years behind where he’s supposed to be. But, says Gilbert-Jackson, it’s progress. “You can see the wheels turning,” she says. “Sometimes he’ll draw a blank, but he’s still trying.”

Would you rather be a Bullfrog?
By Dr. Seuss

Boyd Elementary’s after-school literacy program is open to students in grades K-5 through the Atlanta-based Pure Hope Project. **ALEX SLITZ/AP**

When he’s not in school, Michael has been dropping by his apartment complex’s community center most afternoons to read books to the staff, who encourage the activity with pizza parties. His report cards show improvement. His parents have noticed his growth.

“I see a change in him,” says Michael’s stepfather, Rico Morton, who works landscaping and manages a pizza delivery store at night. Morton says he sometimes quizzes Michael and his siblings on trivia and multiplication tables. “He’s matured. Now he speaks in complete sentences,” Morton says. “I feel like he has the potential to be someone.”

But Michael’s days in Gilbert-Jackson’s third grade class are numbered, and he’s still far behind what’s expected for a third grader.

That’s an important inflection point. Until the end of third grade, students generally receive guidance from teachers to perfect their literacy. After that, students are expected to read more challenging texts in all of their subjects and to improve reading skills on their own. Researchers have found students who don’t read fluently by third grade are four times more likely to drop out or not finish high school on time. And if a student fails to graduate, the risks increase. For instance, adults without a diploma are more likely to end up in prison.

Michael isn’t the only student in this perilous zone. A handful of his classmates are also reading or comprehending at the first grade level.

Some, like Michael, didn’t attend Zoom classes. There are two girls who did attend classes, and appeared to be doing well at the time. But Gilbert-Jackson believes their parents were doing some if not all of their work for them, and the girls didn’t learn to read and write.

One of those girls is now reading at the second grade level, but her comprehension is more like a midyear first grader, says Gilbert-Jackson. “The words just bounce off her,” Gilbert-Jackson says. “She doesn’t internalize what she’s reading. For me, that’s harder to fix.”

The other girl whose mother likely did her schoolwork during online learning is reading at the level of a beginning first grader. Gilbert-Jackson worries about her. “Let’s say she does go to fourth grade: Nobody is going to read anything to her,” she says. “I don’t want to set them up for failure.”

Few alternatives

Good options are few. On paper, Atlanta’s district policy is to promote elementary school students who “master” reading, math and other subjects. But how often the district actually holds students back is unclear. Atlanta’s school system did not respond to requests for data.

Making students repeat a grade has fallen out of practice across the country, although more students are being held back because of the pandemic. Research before the pandemic showed the practice had mixed academic results, can stigmatize students and causes stress for families. It’s also expensive for school districts, because it could require adding classes and teachers.

These students can attend four weeks of summer school, but that likely won’t be enough to bring them up to third grade reading levels. And attendance by kids who sign up for summer school is notoriously low nationwide.

When the students start fourth grade, their schools will test their reading and math levels, and they “will be placed in the appropriate interventions,” according to the district. Teachers and students will have a daily extra half hour of class next year, the last in Atlanta’s three-year plan to address pandemic setbacks.

Before leaving for Christmas vacation, Gilbert-Jackson started reaching out to students’ parents to talk about how their children were progressing and “what may or may not happen” with their prospects for fourth grade. Though it’s rare, she tells them she could recommend holding back a student or a parent could request it.

She encourages parents to keep working with their kids, buy workbooks at dollar stores and, in some cases, agree to testing to determine whether their children need more specialized help.

A last chance

One day in late February, Gilbert-Jackson asks her students to revise a narrative they’d each been writing about a glowing rock. Most get to work quickly.

As the other students in class keep working, some ask Gilbert-Jackson to read their stories. Some are written in complete sentences with few errors. Others lack punctuation and capitalization and have misspellings throughout.

After a few more students ask Gilbert-Jackson to check their stories, she gets the class’s attention.

“Mrs. Gilbert-Jackson cannot be the person who says when your final draft is ready,” she says. “I’m not going to be there when you are in fourth grade. I’m not going to be there when you take your exams.”

Gilbert-Jackson and the other third grade teachers are so concerned about their students’ reading and writing abilities, along with math skills, that they decided after Christmas break to cut back on social studies and science to give students extra instruction and practice for the rest of the year. It’s her last chance to help them before they move on to another teacher — and to the expectation they will read everything by themselves.

The extra time may have helped some students get across the line. Now only seven of the 19 students are below grade level in reading. Of the students who are still behind, Gilbert-Jackson is the least worried about one: Michael Crowder. She’s confident he’ll find a way to navigate the new world ahead of him — a world where he’ll have to be more self-sufficient, even if there is too much to learn.

“He wants it,” she says. “He’ll catch up.”

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Financial advice: Don't be fooled

It's just a coincidence that the month that begins with a day dedicated to fools is the same month that we raise awareness about the importance of financial education.

April is National Financial Capability Month (formerly Financial Literacy Month), which highlights "the value of high-quality financial education in improving Americans' financial capability."

I thought about this noble goal as I read about dual fraud charges from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York against the now shuttered student loan assistance company previously known as Frank.

The target of the complaint was 31-year-old Charlie Javice, who, according to the SEC, "engaged in an old-school fraud: She lied about Frank's success in helping millions of students navigate the college financial aid process by making up data to support her claims." Javice, a 2019 inductee of the Forbes 30 Under 30 list, denies the allegations.

In an interesting twist, Javice's misdeeds were not carried out to scam the users of her service; rather, she is accused of faking the number of users of her service to induce JP Morgan Chase (JPM) to purchase her company for $175 million in 2021. Javice utilized advanced technology in the form of a third-party data scientist, who helped show an inflated 4.25 million users versus the actual less than 300,000.

If a large investment bank like JPM can be fooled, pity the rest of us. How are we to parse the real deal from the fraudsters or the benign but noncredentialed folks who migrate to TikTok, YouTube, Reddit and the like?

Dubious financial advice or get rich quick videos are amplified through these platforms and for some users, it's difficult to parse real financial education from self-serving claptrap. Many who are touting ideas may have an agenda that is far afield from what is best for your financial life.

As we mark National Financial Capability Month, I encourage people to seek out education — but note that the description from the official declaration I cited at the beginning of this article was "high-quality" financial education.

For that, I encourage you to turn to credible and reliable sources. An easy place to start is to check out the person's bio to find out whether the source of the information has important professional certifications, licenses or designations. The gold standard of certifications and memberships include: CFP® certification from the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards (a designation that I hold), CPA Personal Financial Specialists, members of the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors and Chartered Financial Analyst.

All of these designations require their holders to act and communicate with the public as a fiduciary. A fiduciary duty requires that the person providing advice or guidance acts in your best interest, even if doing so is not in their company's best interest.

It may surprise you to learn that about half of the so-called financial professionals out there do not have to put your best interest first. They are held to a lesser standard, called "suitability," which means that anything they sell you has to be appropriate for you. If the advice-giver or "educator" has no experience and no qualifications, you can still enjoy the content, but do so with a critical eye.

As I warned in my book, "The Great Money Reset," these platforms may be fun and entertaining, but know "that you're entering the mosh pit of investing ... sift through what you encounter with a keen and skeptical eye. Try to poke holes in what you hear and not become too emotionally invested."

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Be a manager that people don't want to quit

By Stephanie Vozza | Fast Company

It's long been said that people don't quit their jobs, they quit their managers.

To boost retention, companies need people who can effectively inspire and lead others. In fact, LinkedIn's 2023 Most In-Demand Skills list puts management at the top of the most needed skills.

"The role of the manager is really important, because managers are the everyday representation of the company," says Andrew McCaskill, career expert for LinkedIn. "Your manager is how you see the company and how you navigate your relationship with the company. It's one of those roles where the person has to hone their skills in being good managers, always be learning and developing."

McKinsey's 2022 Great Attrition research found that uncaring and uninspiring leaders were one of the top three reasons those who left their jobs chose to quit, says Emily Field, coauthor of "The Power to the Middle: Why Managers Hold the Keys to the Future of Work" and a partner at McKinsey's Seattle office.

"Additional McKinsey Global Institute research found that organizations that excel at building up their employees — we'd argue through their middle managers — experience attrition rates about five percentage points lower than their peers," she says.

Management is a skill made up of underlying skills. People who make good managers often create dedicated teams that work hard for the collective success of the team and the organization. Here are five traits of manager that employees won't want to quit.

They give context

One of the biggest mistakes managers can make is assuming that their team understands what's happening in the company, McCaskill says.

"Managers have to help give context to what's happening around them and what's happening in the industry," he says. "Given all of the uncertainty that's in the marketplace, it's so easy to just look at the headlines and not double-click and actually read the articles. They should be having real conversations with employees about how the company is doing."

Even if the news isn't good, transparency can build trust.

"Staying open, informing employees and being empathetic in all the conversations with direct reports is a winning strategy," McCaskill says.

They are proactive

Most leaders hold exit interviews, asking employees questions such as, "What went wrong?" "What were you seeking that we couldn't provide?" Or, "What could I have done to make it better?"

But after someone has decided to leave, it's too late, says Ola Chowning, partner at global technology research and advisory firm ISG.

Instead, leaders should remain continually engaged with their employees, asking them about their goals and needs, if they are feeling engaged and challenged, and how they can make the employee's work life better, she says.

"[Show] interest and compassion and [take] mitigating actions before an employee begins to think about leaving," Chowning says. "Employees work for leaders from whom they can learn. Share knowledge, share insights, be vulnerable and open. Allow employees the environment to ask questions and learn."

They are empathetic

Empathy is of utmost importance, says Ravishankar Gundlapalli, author of "The Art of Mentoring: Simple Tools and Techniques to Achieve Your Full Potential" and the founder of the peer-to-peer learning platform MentorCloud.

"As a leader, you are dealing with people, so you need to have empathy along with compassion," he says. "You need immense patience. ... For leaders to be effective coaches, they must inspire more than they influence."

They help employees grow

Employees won't want to leave when their managers bring out the best in them.

"Managers do this best by serving as navigators, connectors and coaches, helping employees navigate their organizations and individual careers; fostering learning and continuous development; ensuring each person's voice is heard and respected; and understanding and advocating for the needs of their direct reports," Field says.

Good leaders give employees new tasks, delegate with impunity and create a culture of psychological safety that recognizes that doing something new often results in mistakes, Chowning adds.

"Help employees find where their right fit is from a capability perspective," she says. "Younger employees in particular are often testing and trialing different areas. Give them candid feedback on how they perform to better allow them to recognize and further expand strengths and mitigate weaknesses."

Then apply the leadership adage: "Stand behind employees when they are successful," Chowning says.

"Let them have the limelight, praise them openly," she says. "Stand in front of them when they are obstructed to break down barriers to success, defend when necessary ... give them stretch tasks that allow them to learn and grow."

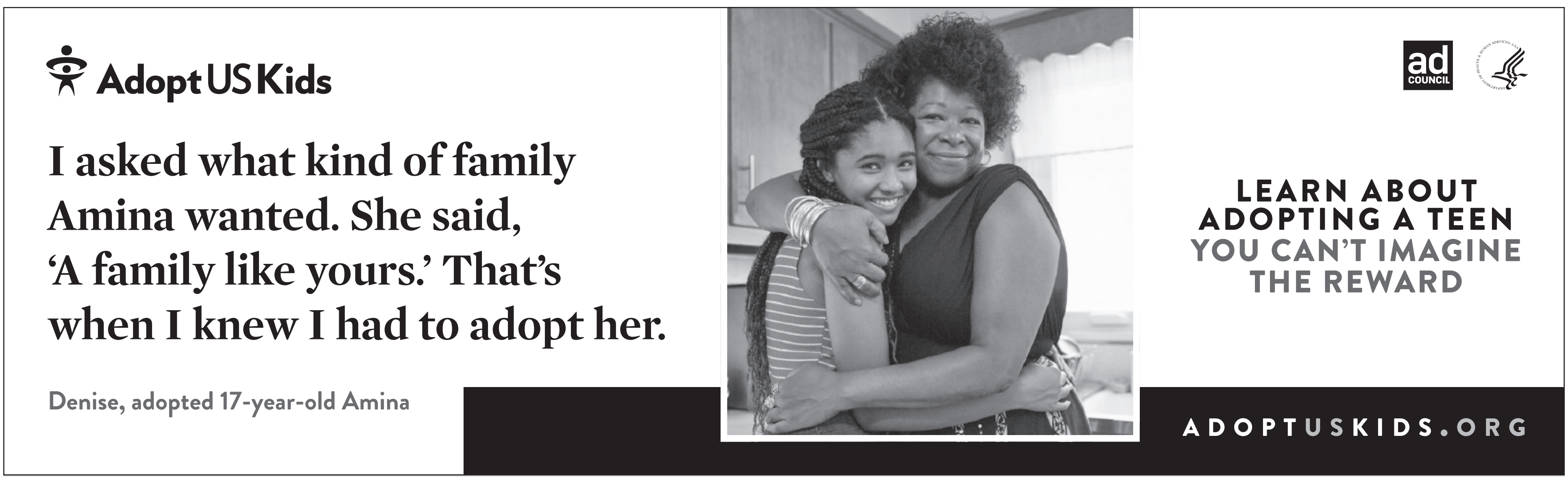
They value employees' input

Your role as a leader isn't to know all the answers; it's to help your team develop the answers, says Shanna Hocking, leadership consultant and author of "One Bold Move a Day: Meaningful Actions Women Can Take to Fulfill Their Leadership and Career."

"Ask questions and truly listen to what your employees say," she says. "They often have insights on what can be done to make the work better and more efficient. This is especially valuable when you're starting a new project or initiative. Employees who feel heard and valued are more likely to want to contribute to projects and do their best work."

That said, Hocking doesn't believe managers should aim to be someone employees don't ever leave.

"It's my job as a leader to create an environment where employees thrive personally and professionally, and help people fulfill their potential, wherever best suits them," she says.



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When RMD must begin, and other reader questions

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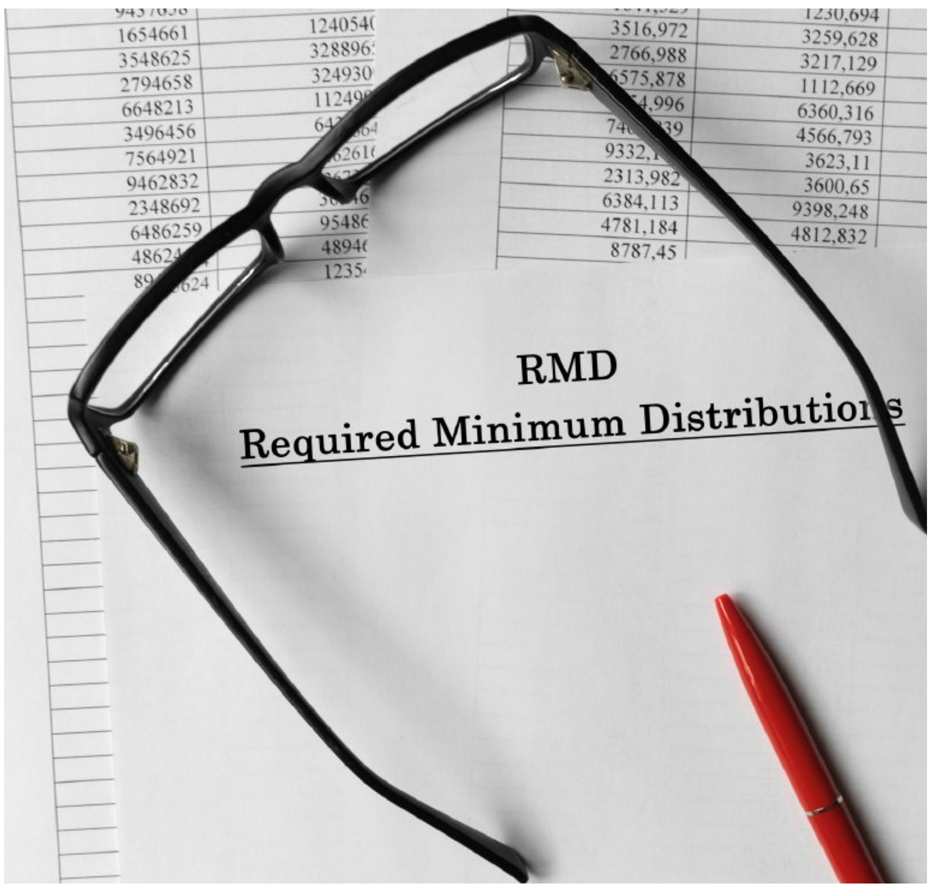
The Savings Game



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Q: I will turn 72 in 2023. I understand that the SECURE 2.0 Act increased the starting age for required minimum distributions (RMDs) to 73 from 72. Yet my bank notified me that I must take an RMD this year. Are they right?
A: No, they are wrong. Because the SECURE 2.0 Act was enacted so late in 2022, many financial institutions unfortunately didn't have time to update their systems, so they have sent out incorrect statements to those who turned 72 in 2023.

IRA expert Ed Slott offers some advice. Anyone who turned 72 in 2023 *does not* have to take an RMD in 2023. For those who have already taken an RMD because of the misinformation, there are options. One is to convert the distribution to a Roth IRA. You can do this if the distribution was made less than 60 days ago. An RMD cannot be rolled over or converted to a Roth IRA. However, in this case, because the distribution is not required, the IRS does not consider it to be an RMD, so you can convert it to a Roth. However, income tax on the distribution would be required.

Another option is to roll the distribution back to an IRA. However, this will not be easy because the distribution is now subject to both the once-per-year rule and the 60-day rollover rule. So, if you have already done a rollover within the last year, you cannot do another rollover. Also, if 60 days have passed since you made the distribution, you cannot roll the funds back into your IRA. Even if you haven't done a rollover within the last year, your distribution will be taxable, so the Roth conversion makes more sense than rolling over the distribution back to your IRA.

Q: My mother passed away in 2023. The size of her estate exceeded the allowable federal estate exemption, so estate taxes of 40% were incurred. She had an IRA that I inherited that was also taxed at 40%. I understand that I am eligible for a tax deduction associated with the inherited IRA. My tax preparer is not familiar with this deduction. Can you advise me regarding the deduction ?
A: I was not familiar with this deduction either, so I contacted Slott, who answered the query. He indicated that because this situation is not common, it is not covered in the IRS publication associated with itemized deductions, Schedule A. The deduction involved here is called the Federal Estate Tax Deduction for Income in Respect of a Decedent. It is covered in IRS Publication 529 on page 10.

The recipient of the IRA is eligible to deduct the tax amount paid related to the IRA. For example, assume the IRA had a value of $100,000, and the estate tax paid was 40% of $100,000 or $40,000. Assume further that the beneficiary of the IRA had a tax liability of $60,000 related to an RMD. The beneficiary would be allowed to take a deduction of $40,000 from the $60,000 on Schedule A, resulting in a $20,000 net federal income tax.

Q: I am retired and want to make a Roth contribution. I have been told that because I have no earned income, I cannot contribute. Is that correct?
A: It is true that you cannot make a contribution to a Roth account if you don't have earned income in a specific year. However, if you do have traditional IRAs, you can convert some or all of your traditional IRAs (however, not until you have taken the RMD for the year) to a Roth account. Naturally, there would be an income tax due based on the value of the amount of funds converted.

Correction: In a previous column, I indicated that an individual's health savings account (HSA) funds could not pay for his or her spouse's eligible medical expenses. That was incorrect. As long as the expense of the spouse was incurred during the marriage, the payment is allowable. In addition, health expenses of dependent children of the HSA owner are also allowable.

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How to save on pet insurance

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Veterinary care — especially emergency care — can be expensive.

Overnight hospitalization for a pet costs between $600 and $1,700 on average, according to Emergency Vets USA, a national database of emergency veterinarians. That doesn't include emergency surgery, which can set you back as much as $5,000, the site says, though even higher emergency bills aren't unheard of.

"If the cost of an emergency veterinary visit or serious illness would be a financial strain, consider investing in pet health insurance while your pet is healthy," says Lori Bierbrier, senior medical director at the ASPCA.

Pet insurance can help offset emergency veterinary bills, with some insurance plans also covering routine care. There are three main types of pet insurance policies: accident-only, accident and illness, and wellness.

The average monthly premium for an accident-and-illness plan is $49 for dogs and $29 for cats, according to 2021 data collected by the North American Pet Health Insurance Association. Wellness plans cost more because they tend to cover preventive care that keeps your pet healthy, such as vaccinations; you can buy one as a stand-alone policy or as an add-on to an accident-and-illness policy.

Use these tips to help nab a lower pet insurance premium.

Get an accident-only plan. The average premium for an accident-only plan is $20 a month for dogs and $11 a month for cats — less than half the cost of an accident-and-illness plan. Accident-only policies typically cover "poisonings, snake bites, lacerations, dog bites, and when dogs and cats eat something they shouldn't," says Wendy Hauser, a veterinarian and president of Denver-based Peak Veterinary Consulting.

Choose a higher deductible. Before your pet insurance coverage kicks in, you'll have to meet your plan's deductible, "just like with other insurance policies," says Colin Lalley, an insurance expert at Policygenius, an insurance marketplace. Generally, a higher deductible equals a lower premium. But be aware that some pet insurance policies have annual deductibles, while others have per-incident deductibles, Lalley says.

Purchase insurance early. Pet insurance premiums are less expensive when you enroll your pet at a young age, says Jenna Stregowski, pet health and behavior editor at Daily Paws, an advice website for pet owners. Another reason to enroll early: Older pets with preexisting conditions may not be able to get coverage, she says.

Comparison shop. Get quotes from multiple providers to find the best rate. You can use a comparison tool such as Pawlicy Advisor, Policygenius or Pet Insurance Quotes to get offers from providers. Check out ratings and reviews from customers, and pay particularly close attention to how well a provider processes claims.

Look for discounts. Some pet insurance providers offer lower rates for military, seniors and people who adopted a pet. And you may qualify for a lower rate by insuring more than one pet with the same company or by bundling pet insurance with your home or car insurance. Nationwide and Progressive, for example, offer existing customers a 5% discount on pet insurance.

Terry Savage
The Savage Truth

Speaking of safety

In the search for safety of your financial assets, there's a sudden recognition that the FDIC doesn't cover deposits above a certain limit: $250,000 per depositor, per insured bank.

You can extend that coverage through the use of joint accounts or trust accounts, but that raises the question of why you want to juggle those accounts when it is easy to get the highest level of financial safety by simply purchasing Treasury bills.

(There's a link on TerrySavage.com to an article explaining how easy it is to open an account at TreasuryDirect.gov, and buy 13- or 26-week Treasury bills at the regular Monday auction.)

The world acknowledges short-term U.S. debt to be the safest place to store wealth. In times of uncertainty, global money rushes into U.S dollars, buying T-bills. And it will continue to do that, unless the political insanity creates a real threat of default on our debt. At that point, we have truly opened Pandora's box.

In fact, the recent rise of gold prices to over $2,000 an ounce, and the reports of increased gold buying by central banks, give credence to some growing global uncertainty over the future of the dollar and our central role in global finance. (Note: Central banks are not rushing to buy Bitcoin.)

It's in everyone's best interest to keep the dollar in its central role as the medium of exchange for all critical commodities, including oil, natural gas and agricultural necessities. And that's why cooler minds will prevail in the debt ceiling debate — hopefully in time to avoid disruptions.

But if you want to worry about your financial future security and the government's ability to bail out the system, just take a look at your "guaranteed" pension.

The Fed and Treasury stepped in to save all uninsured depositors at Silicon Valley Bank, and there's a presumption they would do it again. But that's not the only implicit guarantee they will have to make good on.

If you're one of those rare few who have earned a retirement pension, you'll soon be receiving its annual "funding notice" (Form 5500), required by law. Most corporate pensions are well funded, since corporations are required to make additional contributions out of profits if they lose money on their investments. (That's one reason they switched years ago to 401(k) plans, where the funding depends primarily on employee contributions, with some matching contributions.)

But state and municipal pensions can only be funded through higher employee contributions or taxpayer "contributions" — or by investment earnings. And many state and city pensions are severely underfunded. Cities and states can't "print" additional money. But the federal government has done that recently for troubled labor union pension plans.

Multi-employer plans, such as those offered by unions, are covered from default only to the extent they submit an acceptable plan to the government, and both active and retired members vote to agree to payout reductions. Of course, the government could step in — as the current administration did last December, putting $36 billion of new money into the Central States Pension Fund, thus saving it from benefit cuts to 350,000 union workers and retirees. It's a template for future bailouts of other troubled union pension plans.

If you think your eventual corporate pension payout is fully guaranteed by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC.gov), think again. Corporate plans are covered but only up to certain payout limits, which change yearly. And those limits are determined by your age and whether you're taking it out over your life or including a spousal benefit. If you're age 50 now, the maximum single benefit that is guaranteed is $2,362 per month.

The PBGC doesn't actually have that guarantee money on deposit. It is just backed by the federal government — a promise to pay if your pension fund defaults. So you can rest easy — unless you're wondering just where all that federal guarantee money is coming from.

As we've just seen with the banking industry, they'll get the Fed to create the money by issuing government IOUs and paying for them with "liquidity" created out of thin air.

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Science-backed reasons say you're more successful than you think

SOURCE: Jeff Haden, Inc.

Plenty of people can seem, for a variety of reasons, to be more successful than you and I, but that may not actually be the case.

When other people seem to have more friends
Close friendships are increasingly rare; one study found the average person's number of "close" friends is 2.08. So while you might think nearly everyone else has more friends, they probably don't. What matters is the quality of your friendships, not the quantity. The key is to have one or two really good friends, and plenty of people who aren't necessarily friends but are fun to be around, or share common interests, or create a mutually beneficial relationship.

When other people seem more confident
The Dunning-Kruger effect is the cognitive bias where people assume they're smarter and more skilled than they actually are. But there's a flip side to the D-K effect. People with high ability tend to underestimate how skilled they are. They underrate their relative competence, at least partly because they assume tasks that are easy for them are just as easy for other people. Don't think you have all the answers? Don't automatically assume you're right? Are more likely to say, "I think" rather than "I know"? That could mean you're smarter than you think.

When other people seem wealthier
Money matters, but not as much as you might think. As a study published in the Journal of Positive Psychology found, affluence is a weak predictor of happiness. According to this famous 2010 Princeton study: Beyond $75,000 ... higher income is neither the road to experience happiness nor the road to relief of unhappiness or stress. The $75,000 target is a little like the 10,000 hours to mastery rule: Accurate in the aggregate, maybe, but not so much in the specific. Instead of defining success by a finish line —a number, a metric, a certain house or car —define success by whether you get to do work you enjoy. Work that leaves you feeling fulfilled, satisfied, and happy. Work that allows you to control, as much as possible, your own destiny. And then define success by whether you have the opportunity to make positive choices.

RETIREMENT

A NEW OPTION FOR JOB CHANGERS

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When workers change jobs, they usually pack up their photos and coffee mugs, but they often leave behind a far more valuable asset: their 401(k) plan.

Worse, many employees with small balances in their plans cash them out, which could jeopardize their long-term retirement security.

In an effort to encourage workers to leave money in their plans, three of the largest retirement-plan administrators — Fidelity Investments, Vanguard Group and Alight Solutions — are launching a service that will automatically roll over 401(k), 403(b) and 457 accounts with small balances to a new employer's plan. The providers will use a service developed by Retirement Clearinghouse LLC, a financial technology company that works with retirement-plan sponsors.

The Portability Services Network, which is expected to become available for some employees as early as this summer, will be limited to workers with $5,000 or less in accounts at participating plans.

But increased collaboration among retirement plans could eventually make it easier for workers with large balances to roll over their accounts, which can be an administrative headache even for sophisticated investors. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, special assistant for retirement to the U.S. Secretary of Labor, has likened the rollover process to solving a Rubik's Cube.

How it will work

If you leave a job and have less than $1,000 in your 401(k) plan, your employer has the right to cash out the plan and send you a check. If you have more than $1,000 but less than $5,000, the employer can't cash out the account unless you request it. But the employer is allowed to roll the money into an IRA, where it will be invested in a low-earning cash account (the threshold will increase to $7,000 in 2024). Those accounts tend to have high fees, and employees often don't even know how to find the accounts, says Steve Holman, a principal in Vanguard's Institutional Investor Group.

However, if your plan is part of the auto-enrollment consortium, you'll receive a letter stating that the balance will be rolled over to your new employer's plan unless you opt out. If you do nothing, the money will be invested in the new plan's default option, which for many employees is a target-date fund.

Supporters of the new program believe it will significantly reduce "leakage," which occurs when workers cash out their 401(k) plans. The Labor Department estimates that workers cash out from $60 billion to $100 billion of their retirement savings a year.

And for young workers, even small balances can add up over time, says Greg Long, head of public policy for Alight Solutions. "Just a few thousand dollars for someone who is 26 translates to meaningful money when they're 65."

How to set boundaries around your time

By Stephanie Vozza
Fast Company

While there are only so many hours in a day, it's a fact that's easy to forget when others are vying for your attention. If you're a leader, it can be difficult to set boundaries around your calendar, but former Google vice president and Stripe COO Claire Hughes-Johnson, author of "Scaling People: Tactics for Management and Company Building," says it's critical to get better at disappointing people when it comes to sharing your time.

"One of my operating principles is distinguishing between leadership and management," she says. "Management is about creating stability and predictability. It's understanding what work needs to be done, assigning the right people to it, tracking it and delivering measurable results. It's very much about frameworks for execution and frameworks for individual development."

Hughes-Johnson says leadership is less consistent. "The most inspiring leaders can be a bit unpredictable; they can make you uncomfortable and push you to try to achieve things that you don't think are possible," she says. "That's quite a different skill set. But the reality is, when you're pushing people to have such a high bar, you're inevitably going to disappoint them because you're a human being. You can't be everything to everyone. How do you do that at a rate that people can absorb where they're still inspired, but they're learning to be realistic?"

Set expectations

Leaders need to learn to manage themselves, set boundaries and disappoint others. "The reality is, you have other responsibilities, you have other commitments," Hughes-Johnson says. "I've learned to do a lot more work with people upfront about expectations."

To reduce disappointment, she created a "Working with Claire" guide. She got the idea from an engineering leader at Google, who had created a reference manual to instruct their team for working with them. In her guide, Hughes-Johnson sets expectations, such as how to share information with her and the amount of time she needs to send a response. It also includes her preferences, styles and approaches, as well as alternative sources for help when employees are in a pinch and can't move forward.

"Make sure things are explicit," she says. "Help people be comfortable to keep moving. You're going to disappoint people with your time no matter what. But if you're doing it to a degree that it's slowing down your team, that's a problem and you are not doing your job. You need to make sure you fix that."

Make sure you're realistic

After you create a guide, it's important to have someone else review it. Hughes-Johnson sent hers to several people, asking for feedback and edits. "It has to feel like a believable document and not [something] aspirational," she says. "It's a good exercise in self-awareness."

One piece of feedback gave Hughes-Johnson good insight on her behavior. "I went to great pains in the first draft of talking about how I was not a micromanager," she says. "A person on my team at the time read it and said, 'I sometimes experienced you as a micromanager.' It was brave of him. Early in my management career, I was 100% a micromanager. I thought I had worked on that."

The employee shared how he had felt micromanaged in an important project. His input led Hughes-Johnson to edit her guide, adding, "If something is new that I've never seen before that feels very high stakes, I will be very involved. And that is not a comment on you. That is a comment on me."

Build trust

By setting expectations, Hughes-Johnson says you can get more comfortable disappointing people with your time. "If you don't, you're ending up in a pretty difficult place," she says. "It's one thing to disappoint people. But when you've said, 'I anticipate we will have challenges with my time. There will be times when I am not available, and I will disappoint you,' you've done a trust-building exercise."

While workflow is fluent, leaders need to take steps to make some things predictable. For example, Hughes-Johnson says it's important to keep one-on-one time in place. "Maybe I'm disappointing them with other time, but they know that they're going to get their one-on-one every week or every other week, and they can then prioritize what gets covered in that meeting," she says.

Another good practice is to hold a consistent weekly team meeting, where employees get a touch point with you. "That alleviates some of the anxiety as well," Hughes-Johnson says. "You're letting pressure out of the system by having consistent touch points."

Finally, leaders need to look at their calendars and think about what they want to accomplish this year, this six-month period, this quarter, this month and this week.

"I write at the beginning of every week what are the three most important things I have to get done this week," she says. "I put them in a digital archive of my goals, but also physically on top of my notebooks with Post-it Notes. I am a person who is very empathetic. I like to be there for others when they need me. When I am disappointing someone with my time, I know that I at least did my priorities right."

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Gen Zers flirt with credit card trouble

When it comes to young adults and credit cards, at least one good thing has come out of these times of high interest rates and troubling inflation: The vast majority of newer cardholders are paying some or all of their debt on time each month.

In a recent LendingTree survey of young cardholders ages 18 to 26 who comprise Generation Z, 98% are paying their credit card bills like clockwork every month.

The trend is encouraging when considering that payment history is a top factor for determining a credit score, which can translate into better borrowing terms for autos, a home mortgage and other big purchases.

On the downside, 5.5% of young credit card holders are at least 90 days past due on a credit card account, which can be a "credit score killer," LendingTree said.

Also troubling is that LendingTree found that average credit card balances among this young demographic grew by 56% since February 2022 to $2,889. That's an annual increase of more than $1,000.

Matt Schulz, LendingTree's chief credit card analyst, attributed some of the higher credit card spending to inflation and rising interest rates.

"Because Gen Zers are still in school or getting started with their careers, lower incomes and a limited credit history mean the credit they can get usually comes with really high interest rates, which can easily lead to credit card debt," Schulz said in a statement. "That adds up to a tough situation."

The financial services company analyzed anonymously the credit card patterns of LendingTree customers who comprise Generation Z. The period covered February 2022 to February 2023. LendingTree's slice and dice looked at both Gen Zers who hold their own cards as well as those who are authorized users on another account.

LendingTree's analysis also found:

- Gen Zers have an average credit card spending limit of nearly $7,000, up 22% from a year ago.
- 17.3% of Gen Z card users are authorized on at least one credit card account, perhaps on plastic from a parent or spouse, while nearly 4% are authorized on multiple accounts.
- Young cardholders on authorized accounts have slightly higher average balances than those who directly hold their cards — $2,851 versus $2,530. Hmmm, are they figuring mom and dad will cover the extra spending?

Based on what I see and hear, financial education plays a key role in helping young adults understand credit card basics and the implications of too much plastic.

Parents play a role, starting with their own credit card usage and setting a good example. Show your 18-year-old the section on your monthly credit card bill that shows how much interest will accrue by failing to pay the balance in full each month. Do you really want to pay the bank more of your hard-earned money?

In addition, Schulz recommends setting up an automatic payment with your credit card issuer so at least the minimum balance is paid each month.

He also advises against applying for a new card strictly for the sign-up bonus of points and perks.

"We call them sign-up bonuses but really they're 'sign up and spend $X amount Y number of times,' " Schulz said. "If you can't meet the minimum spend requirements without blowing your budget, that's not the card for you."

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New law makes 529 plans more family friendly

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Q: Will it hurt my grandchild's chance of getting financial aid for college if I open a 529 account on her behalf?

A: Not for much longer. Under financial aid rules now in place, distributions from 529s owned by anyone other than a parent or student are treated as cash support, which can reduce eligibility for a student's financial aid by as much as 50% of the 529 distributed amount. New rules, which first take effect for the 2024-25 school year, resolve this problem.

Students will no longer have to report 529 distributions from nonparent-owned 529s when filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Ditto for cash gifts received by the student from nonparent family members.

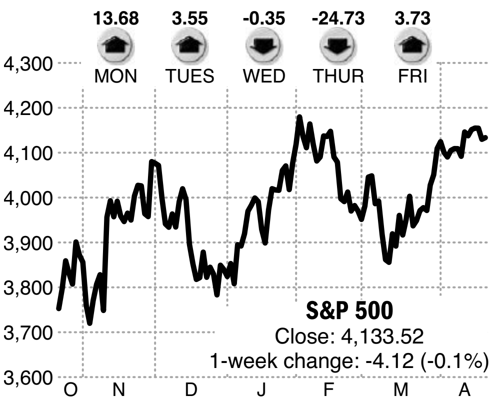
Distributions from 529 plans used for college are tax-free. Eligible expenses include the cost of room and board for students enrolled at a college or university at least half-time, tuition, books, supplies, fees, computers and internet access. 529 plans can help pay for K-12 education as well. Tax-free distributions of up to $10,000 per student per year can be taken from 529 accounts to pay tuition for elementary and secondary private and parochial schools. The state-tax treatment of these payouts doesn't always follow federal law, so be sure to check with your state.

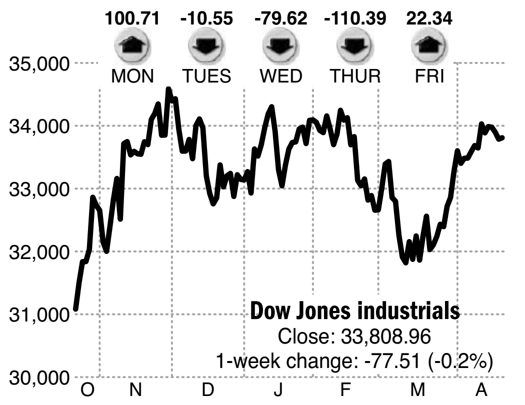
What if the beneficiary of the 529 account decides not to go to college? Or, what happens if funds remain in the account after the beneficiary graduates from college? There are options for using the leftover money:

- Keep the funds in the account for grad school.
- Use the 529 money to pay for certain apprenticeship programs.
- Roll over leftover funds to a 529 plan for another family member's education needs.
- Use up to $10,000 tax-free to help pay off some of the beneficiary's college debt. (This $10,000 is a lifetime limit.)
- Roll over funds tax-free from a beneficiary's 529 plan to an ABLE account for a disabled beneficiary or the beneficiary's siblings.

INVESTING

Stocks Recap





Gold	↘	-22.70 $1,979.50
Silver	↘	-.37 $25.05
Crude Oil	↘	-4.65 $77.87
Natural Gas	↗	+.12 $2.23
10-year T-note	↗	+.05 3.57%
Euro	↗	+.0018 to .9110/$1
Yen	↗	+.41 to 134.21/$1

WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
35492.22	28660.94	Dow Jones industrials	34018.62	33677.74	33808.96	-77.51	-0.2	+2.0	-0.0
15888.39	11946.21	Dow Jones trans.	14578.06	14197.18	14413.58	+166.98	+1.2	+7.6	-4.3
1077.08	823.64	Dow Jones utilities	975.76	953.79	969.34	+12.87	+1.4	+0.2	-7.0
16882.64	13278.56	NYSE Comp.	15710.46	15512.62	15578.93	-22.85	-0.2	+2.6	-3.0
6504.43	4952.56	NYSE International	6347.36	6227.59	6263.00	-55.04	-0.9	+7.8	+1.1
14277.21	10440.64	Nasdaq 100	13196.18	12899.64	13000.77	-78.75	-0.6	+18.8	-2.7
13710.70	10088.83	Nasdaq Comp.	12245.43	11986.82	12072.46	-51.01	-0.4	+15.3	-6.0
4512.94	3491.58	S&P 500	4169.48	4113.86	4133.52	-4.12	-0.1	+7.7	-3.2
2738.88	2185.93	S&P MidCap	2521.01	2480.79	2498.83	+9.36	+0.4	+2.8	-3.3
45320.56	34917.15	Wilshire 5000	41222.54	40639.50	40845.91	-24.34	-0.1	+7.3	-4.6
2060.08	1641.47	Russell 2000	1809.59	1777.40	1791.51	+10.35	+0.6	+1.7	-7.7
468.66	377.77	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	468.66	466.81	468.66	+1.97	+0.4	+10.3	0.0
8047.06	6707.62	FTSE 100	7936.11	7871.43	7914.13	+42.22	+0.5	+6.2	+5.2

Most active

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Bank of America	29.87	+.35
AT&T Inc	18.22	-1.71
Ford Motor	11.81	-.71
Keycorp	11.59	-.50
Schwab Corp	53.80	+3.03
Carnival Corp	9.38	-.22
Snap Inc A	10.01	-.68
Wells Fargo & Co	41.24	+1.60
Fst Republic Bank	14.26	+1.14
US Bancorp	33.52	-1.45
Uber Technologies	30.83	-.65
Pfizer Inc	40.21	-.98
Palantir Technol	8.18	-.63

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Bed Bath &Beynd	.29	+.06
Mullen Automotive	.10	+.00
Tesla Inc	165.08	-19.92
Ideanomics Inc	.04	-.03
Exela Technologies	.04	-.01
Faraday Fut Intllgnt	.22	-.05
Amazon.com Inc	106.96	+4.45
Apple Inc	165.02	-.19
Adv Micro Dev	88.43	-3.32
Nvidia Corporation	271.19	+3.61
Gamida Cell Ltd	1.60	+.79
Marathon Digital Hld	8.93	-3.04
Presto Automation	3.61	+2.22

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Direx SOX Bear 3X	19.80	+.90
Direx Biotech Bull	6.00	+.82
Direx SOX Bull 3X	14.86	-.72
iShs Emerg Mkts	39.01	-.71
iShs iBoxx HY CpBd	74.99	-.29
Invesco QQQ Trust	316.61	-1.96
ProShs UltraPro QQQ	26.87	-.60
ProSh Short QQQ	12.39	+.09
ProShs Short S&P	14.95	+.03
ProShs UltPro ShtQQQ	30.73	+.66
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	412.20	-.26
SPDR Financial	33.22	+.34
US Nat Gas Fund	7.00	+.31

Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
ASML Holding NV	634.47	-31.73
Abbott Labs	111.66	+7.70
AbbVie Inc	162.41	+.82
Accenture PLC	276.33	-2.92
Alibaba Group Hldg	89.13	-5.42
Alphabet Inc C	105.91	-3.55
Alphabet Inc A	105.41	-3.46
Amazon.com Inc	106.96	+4.45
Apple Inc	165.02	-.19
AstraZeneca PLC	75.60	+1.74
Bank of America	29.87	+.35
Berkshire Hath A	496405.00	+404.99
Berkshire Hath B	324.33	+4.59
Broadcom Inc	632.90	+13.36
Chevron Corp	169.12	-3.32
Cisco Syst	47.03	-3.51
CocaCola Co	64.05	+1.00
Costco Wholesale	506.35	+15.05
Danaher Corp	252.81	+1.14
Disney	99.57	-.33
Eli Lilly	385.24	+10.51
Exxon Mobil Corp	116.01	-.04
Home Depot	300.04	+7.85
JPMorgan Chase	140.54	+1.81
Johnson & Johnson	162.69	-3.15
MasterCard Inc	375.24	+2.81
McDonalds Corp	292.06	+3.08
Merck & Co	115.37	+.06
Meta Platforms Inc	212.89	-8.60
Microsoft Corp	285.76	-.38
Novartis AG	100.30	+2.42
Novo Nordisk AS	172.65	+4.05
Nvidia Corporation	271.19	+3.61
Oracle Corp	95.15	-.56
PepsiCo	185.41	+1.90
Pfizer Inc	40.21	-.98
Procter & Gamble	156.07	+6.01
Salesforce.com Inc	199.03	+4.38
Shell plc ADS	61.46	-.60
T-Mobile US Inc	146.22	-3.37
Taiwan Semicon	85.37	-1.83
Tesla Inc	165.08	-19.92
Thermo Fisher Sci	571.68	-17.16
Toyota Mot	134.67	-1.29
Unitedhealth Group	483.82	-27.97
Visa Inc	234.05	+.03
WalMart Strs	151.73	+3.25

Largest mutual funds

Based on Total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Century UltraInv	63.90	-.10	-7.4
American Funds AMCpA m	33.29	+.08	-4.3
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	29.64	-.06	-3.5
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	49.44	+.27	-2.3
American Funds BdfAmrcA m	11.55	-.04	-2.1
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	55.31	-.05	-.6
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	64.82	+.19	-1.6
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	54.52	-.18	+1.7
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	64.31	-.05	-2.6
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	55.06	-.06	-8.2
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.97	+.02	-3.0
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	44.27	+.18	-1.5
American Funds NewWldA m	71.49	-.61	-1.5
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	52.58	-.03	-3.6
American Funds SmCpWldA m	59.97	+.21	-7.2
American Funds TheNewEcoA m	48.02	-.08	-3.0
American Funds TxExBdA m	12.21	-.16	+1.0
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	53.14	+.05	-3.4
Artisan IntlValueInstl	43.13	-.03	+7.5
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	9.81	-.02	-1.4
Baird CorPlusBdInstl	10.08	-.02	-1.1
BlackRock StrIncOpIns	9.22	-.03	-1.0
Calamos MktNetrlIncIns	14.23	+.01	+1.1
Columbia DivIncIns	29.06	+.04	-1.7
DFA EMktCorEqI	21.17	-.40	-5.1
DFA IntlCorEqIns	14.82	-.01	+1.9
DFA IntlSmCpValIns	20.48	-.05	+1.3
DFA USCorEq1Instl	31.46	-.04	-3.8
DFA USCorEqIIInstl	28.51	-.03	-3.6
DFA USLgCpValInstl	41.74	-.29	-4.6
DFA USSmCpInstl	39.40	+.07	-4.4
DFA USSmCpValInstl	38.58	-.17	-4.5
DFA USTrgtedValIns	27.10	-.12	-4.7
Dodge & Cox BalI	95.49	-.38	-1.9
Dodge & Cox IncI	12.46	-.02	-.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStkI	46.78	-.29	+3.8
Dodge & Cox StkI	218.75	-1.13	-4.7
DoubleLine TtlRetBdI	8.95	-.02	-2.7
Edgewood GrInstl	36.48	+.42	-7.6
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	143.51	-.12	-4.3
Fidelity BCGrowth	133.07	-.59	-8.9
Fidelity Balanced	24.69	-.01	-3.4
Fidelity Cap&Inc	9.24	-.04	-.3
Fidelity Contrafund	13.48	-.08	-3.9
Fidelity EmergMketsOpps	16.29	-.30	-3.9
Fidelity ExMktIdxInPr	65.88	+.17	-10.8
Fidelity Frdm 2025	12.42	-.03	-3.0
Fidelity Frdm 2030	15.56	-.04	-2.8
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	13.46	-.03	+.9
Fidelity GroCo	26.37	+.12	-5.3
Fidelity GroCo	15.94	+.08	-4.5
Fidelity IntlGr	16.09	+.11	+4.0
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	46.03	+.21	+5.4
Fidelity IntlVal	10.86	-.04	+3.7
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.05	-.03	-1.1
Fidelity LowPrStk	47.06	-.43	-2.8
Fidelity Magellan	11.60	...	-6.0
Fidelity NasdCmpIdx	152.58	-.63	-7.3
Fidelity OTCPortfolio	14.72	-.08	-4.8
Fidelity Puritan	21.59	-.03	-4.2
Fidelity TotalBond	9.51	-.02	-1.8
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	113.91	-.03	-5.3
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	10.38	-.03	-1.5
First Eagle GlbA m	62.28	-.18	+1.4
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.31	-.01	-2.3
Franklin Templeton IncAdv	2.29	...	-2.2
Franklin Templeton RisingDivsA m	86.46	+.30	+.3
Harbor CptlApprecInstl	74.47	-.11	-7.2
Harding Loevner IntlEqInstl	25.56	-.04	+2.2
INVESCO DevMktsY	39.26	-.40	+7.2
JPMorgan CoreBondI	10.35	-.02	-1.6
JPMorgan CoreBondR6	10.36	-.02	-1.4
JPMorgan EqIncI	22.23	+.05	-4.7
JPMorgan LCapGrI	48.52	-.06	-7.2
John Hancock DiscpValMCI	24.90	+.13	-4.8
Lord Abbett ShrtDurIncI	3.85	-.01	+.3
MFS GrI	147.86	+.30	-6.3
MFS IntlEqR6	31.99	+.30	+8.5
MFS ValI	47.75	+.35	-1.8
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	9.23	-.03	-2.7
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdPlan	8.66	-.02	-2.8
Old Westbury LgCpStrats	15.64	-.03	-6.5
PGIM Investments TtlRetBdZ	11.94	-.03	-2.8
PIMCO AlAstInstl	10.81	-.04	-6.2
PIMCO IncA m	10.41	-.04	-.4
PIMCO IncI2	10.41	-.04	-.1
PIMCO IncInstl	10.41	-.04	...
PIMCO TtlRetIns	8.61	-.03	-2.8
Parnassus CorEqInv	50.91	+.45	-3.5
Schwab SP500Idx	63.58	-.06	-5.8
Schwab Schwab1000Idx	88.65	-.06	-6.7
Schwab TtlStkMktIdx	70.18	-.02	-7.0
T. Rowe Price BCGr	120.99	-.14	-9.9
T. Rowe Price CptlAprc	31.89	+.04	-.1
T. Rowe Price DivGr	66.28	+.49	-1.5
T. Rowe Price GrStk	71.72	-.13	-9.7
T. Rowe Price LrgCpGrI	52.73	-.03	-6.7
T. Rowe Price MdCpGr	94.56	+.11	-3.2
T. Rowe Price Rtr2030	23.13	-.02	-3.7
TIAA-CREF EqIdxIns	29.22	-.01	-5.2
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	381.59	-.32	-4.3
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	41.57	-.04	-3.6
Vanguard CAITTxExAdm	11.27	-.14	+3.3
Vanguard CptlOppAdmrl	156.41	-.93	-1.8
Vanguard DevMIdxAdmrl	14.90	+.03	+2.1
Vanguard DevMIdxIns	14.92	+.03	+2.2
Vanguard DivGrInv	35.97	+.28	-1.8
Vanguard EMStkIdxInAdm	33.17	-.60	-6.0
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	83.86	-.04	-2.5
Vanguard ExplorerAdmrl	92.51	+.29	-6.2
Vanguard ExtMktIdxAdmrl	105.21	+.29	-10.8
Vanguard ExtMktIdxIns	105.20	+.29	-10.8
Vanguard ExtMktIdxInsPls	259.62	+.72	-10.8
Vanguard GNMAAdmrl	9.34	...	-1.0
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	127.95	-.13	-6.3
Vanguard GrIdxIns	127.96	-.13	-6.3
Vanguard HCAdmrl	90.29	+.15	+5.1
Vanguard HYCorpAdmrl	5.23	-.03	+.4
Vanguard HYTEAdmrl	10.44	-.16	+.5
Vanguard InTrBdIdxAdmrl	10.34	-.04	-.6
Vanguard InTrInGdAdm	8.54	-.03	+.1
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.53	-.17	+2.8
Vanguard InflPrtScAdmrl	23.80	-.06	-5.1
Vanguard InflPrtScIns	9.70	-.02	-5.0
Vanguard InsIdxIns	345.24	-.30	-4.3
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	345.23	-.30	-4.3
Vanguard InsTtlSMIInPls	71.74	-.02	-5.3
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Vanguard LfStrGrInv	38.53	-.05	-2.9
Vanguard LfStrModGrInv	29.07	-.04	-2.6
Vanguard LtdTrmTEAdmrl	10.74	-.07	+2.5
Vanguard MCpVlIdxAdm	69.75	+.41	-9.1
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	260.43	+.53	-8.2
Vanguard MdCpIdxIns	57.53	+.12	-8.2
Vanguard MdCpIdxInsPlus	283.73	+.58	-8.2
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	141.30	-.39	-.7
Vanguard RlEstIdxAdmrl	116.78	+1.73	-23.1
Vanguard SCpGrIdxAdm	76.23	+.48	-7.3
Vanguard SCpValIdxAdm	67.70	+.26	-7.9
Vanguard STBdIdxAdmrl	10.00	-.01	+.7
Vanguard STInfPrScIdAdmr	23.92	...	-.4
Vanguard STInfPrScIdIns	23.93	...	-.5
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.07	-.02	+1.2
Vanguard STInvmGrdIns	10.07	-.02	+1.3
Vanguard STTEAdmrl	15.62	-.06	+2.1
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	90.44	+.44	-7.5
Vanguard SmCpIdxIns	90.44	+.44	-7.5
Vanguard StarInv	25.80	-.06	-1.9
Vanguard TMCapApAdm	213.13	-.18	-4.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fd	26.62	-.04	-2.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	17.62	-.03	-2.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	33.30	-.04	-2.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	20.61	-.03	-2.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	36.34	-.05	-2.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	24.48	-.03	-3.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Fd	40.63	-.05	-2.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2055Fd	45.33	-.06	-2.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2060Fd	41.75	-.05	-2.9
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncFd	12.72	-.02	-1.8
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	9.67	-.03	-1.5
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	9.67	-.03	-1.5
Vanguard TtBMIdxInsPlus	9.67	-.03	-1.5
Vanguard TtlnBIdxAdmrl	19.39	-.03	-3.7
Vanguard TtlnBIdxIns	29.10	-.04	-3.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	30.15	-.09	-.1
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	120.57	-.36	-.1
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsPlus	120.60	-.36	...
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	18.03	-.05	-.1
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	99.79	-.03	-5.3
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	99.81	-.02	-5.3
Vanguard TtlSMIdxInv	99.78	-.02	-5.4
Vanguard USGrAdmrl	116.59	-.28	-9.7
Vanguard ValIdxAdmrl	54.73	-.05	-3.5
Vanguard ValIdxIns	54.72	-.06	-3.4
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	68.79	-.04	-1.7
Vanguard WlngtnInv	39.84	-.03	-1.8
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	59.92	-.08	-1.7
Vanguard WndsrAdmrl	71.19	-.11	-.8
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	69.77	-.28	-3.2
Vanguard WndsrIIInv	39.33	-.16	-3.2
WCM FocIntGrIns	22.05	+.12	+.7
Western Asset CorPlusBdI	9.54	-.04	-4.4
iShares S&P500IdxK	484.84	-.41	-4.4

b - Fee covering market costs is paid from fund assets. d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee. s - fund split shares during the week. x - fund paid a distribution during the week. Source: Morningstar.

How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and northwest Indiana as of Friday, April 21, 2023

Market capitalization in millions of dollars

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	Stock $ change WEEK	Stock % return 1-YR
1 AbbVie Inc	286,514	162.41	▲ +.82	+6.9
2 McDonalds Corp	213,213	292.06	▲ +3.08	+16.0
3 Abbott Labs	194,059	111.66	▲ +7.70	-8.4
4 Boeing Co	122,921	205.15	▲ +3.44	+12.9
5 Deere Co	114,587	386.70	▼ -1.07	-9.7
6 Caterpillar Inc	113,735	220.27	▼ -2.21	-3.5
7 Mondelez Intl	97,220	71.32	▲ +1.51	+10.4
8 ITW	71,995	236.19	▲ +4.87	+16.6
9 CME Group	68,253	189.73	▼ -.75	-15.8
10 Motorola Solutions	48,962	292.75	▲ +1.29	+22.8
11 Kraft Heinz Co	48,122	39.22	▲ +.12	-5.4
12 Gallagher AJ	44,393	207.77	▲ +7.32	+14.2
13 Arch Dan Mid	43,988	80.50	▼ -1.29	-15.9
14 Exelon Corp	42,966	43.22	▲ +1.09	-11.7
15 Grainger WW	33,681	670.11	▲ +19.00	+31.8
16 Allstate Corp	30,469	115.78	▲ +3.65	-16.0
17 Walgreen Boots Alli	30,430	35.27	▼ -.05	-19.9
18 Discover Fin Svcs	27,367	105.52	▲ +4.35	-9.5
19 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	27,174	541.37	▲ +6.71	+26.4
20 Equity Residential	23,226	61.30	▲ +1.26	-31.2
21 Baxter Intl	22,895	45.29	▲ +2.24	-43.5
22 CDW Corp	22,119	163.13	▼ -23.83	-6.8
23 Dover Corp	20,641	147.68	▲ +.67	-4.0
24 Ventas Inc	18,074	45.18	▲ +1.69	-23.7
25 ConAgra Brands Inc	17,860	37.45	▲ +.48	+5.9
26 Nthn Trust Cp	17,721	85.30	▼ -2.62	-21.5
27 IDEX Corp	16,456	217.76	▼ -1.77	+11.4
28 LKQ Corporation	15,128	56.60	▲ +.28	+13.7
29 Zebra Tech	14,797	287.90	▼ -15.18	-27.1
30 CBOE Global Markets	14,724	139.51	▲ +2.75	+19.0
31 CF Industries	14,588	74.44	▼ -2.64	-28.3
32 United Airlines Hldg	14,578	44.45	▲ +2.78	-3.5
33 Packaging Corp Am	12,874	143.23	▲ +2.07	-11.2
34 Equity Lifesty Prop	12,729	68.37	▲ +4.62	-15.6
35 TransUnion	12,499	64.80	▲ +1.24	-32.0
36 NiSource Inc	11,827	28.64	▲ +.79	-8.0
37 Paylocity Hldg	10,815	193.93	▼ -3.89	-3.7
38 CNA Financial	10,600	39.21	▼ -.01	-14.1
39 Ryan Specialty Group	10,406	40.08	▼ -1.38	-1.1
40 Morningstar Inc	8,818	207.59	▼ -.92	-25.9
41 US Foods Holding	8,751	37.73	▲ +.78	-1.0
42 Aptargroup Inc	7,884	120.59	▲ +1.39	+.9
43 Fortune Brands Innov	7,691	60.58	▲ +1.90	-.1
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45 Old Republic	7,484	25.26	▲ +.09	+10.7
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47 Ingredion Inc	6,915	104.83	▼ -.25	+19.1
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50 Brunswick Corp	6,140	86.15	▲ +4.20	+9.8
51 Littelfuse Inc	6,092	245.70	▼ -9.32	+7.0
52 CCC Intellig Solut	5,680	9.05	▲ +.22	-7.4
53 Hyatt Hotels Corp	5,573	117.40	▲ +5.43	+17.6
54 Wintrust Financial	4,304	70.37	▼ -1.88	-24.8
55 GATX	3,978	112.60	▲ +.31	-.4
56 Stericycle Inc	3,888	42.07	▲ +.07	-25.4
57 Envestnet Inc	3,582	66.31	▲ +2.17	-20.6
58 Kemper Corp	3,512	54.91	▲ +2.33	+3.9
59 John Bean Technol	3,418	107.49	▲ +2.12	-3.2
60 Federal Signal	3,107	51.15	▼ -.20	+50.4
61 TreeHouse Foods	2,930	52.22	▲ +1.14	+53.8
62 Hub Group Inc	2,693	82.12	▲ +.97	+27.8
63 Fst Midw Bcp	2,455	21.51	▬ ...	
64 Equity Commonwlth	2,259	20.62	▼ -.05	-4.6
65 Stepan Co	2,199	98.58	▼ -1.13	-1.6
66 MYR Group	2,058	123.50	▲ +.20	+34.4
67 AAR Corp	1,882	54.25	▲ +.12	+6.5
68 Adtalem Global Educ	1,847	40.64	▲ +.74	+28.3
69 Addus HomeCare	1,813	112.47	▲ +1.30	+22.6
70 Gogo Inc	1,784	13.95	▼ -.26	-35.8
71 Tootsie Roll	1,758	44.32	▼ -.23	+24.8
72 Huron Consulting Gp	1,600	83.32	▲ +.49	+52.4
73 Enova Intl Inc	1,526	48.55	▲ +2.62	+22.9
74 Methode Electronics	1,503	41.78	▼ -1.08	-6.2
75 Knowles Corp	1,493	16.35	▼ -.05	-14.1
76 Veradigm Inc	1,387	12.70	▲ +.41	-45.3
77 Ryerson Holding	1,377	38.83	▲ +1.81	-7.2
78 Horace Mann	1,299	31.82	▼ -.84	-16.3
79 Coeur Mining	1,166	3.63	▼ -.44	-26.1
80 US Cellular	1,103	21.34	▼ -.84	-29.7
81 Teleph Data	1,081	10.28	▼ -.60	-42.1
82 First Busey Corp	1,045	18.92	▲ +.01	-19.9
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84 Sanfilipo John	916	102.31	▲ +2.44	+23.3
85 Heritage-Crystal Cln	847	34.81	▼ -.32	+18.5
86 Century Aluminum	808	8.76	▼ -.69	-62.3
87 ANI Pharma	708	39.52	▲ +1.10	+20.8
88 QCR Holdings Inc	691	41.05	▼ -.57	-29.3
89 SunCoke Energy Inc	689	8.23	▼ -.37	-6.4
90 SP Plus Corp	682	34.75	▲ +.54	+11.8
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92 Titan Intl	644	10.25	▼ -.67	-32.0
93 Old Second Bcp	576	12.91	▼ -.14	-9.3
94 Heidrick & Struggles	558	27.86	▼ -1.26	-28.1
95 Fst Mid Bancshares	518	25.32	▼ -.33	-31.6
96 Acco Brands Corp	459	4.84	▼ -.25	-33.2
97 Consolidated Commun	424	3.70	▼ -.03	-42.6
98 Great Lakes Dredge	354	5.34	▼ -.35	-63.0
99 Potbelly Corp	298	10.14	▲ +.58	+53.5
100 Oil-Dri Corp	226	44.17	▲ +3.28	+67.4

SUCCESS

Spring cleaning? Donate the right items

By Emma Patch
Kiplinger's Personal Finance

Bill Parrish, senior donated goods retail consultant for Goodwill, discusses the basics of donating to the organization.

Q: This is the time of year when many people clean out their closets for spring cleaning. What does Goodwill need?
A: Clothing is our No. 1 category, and good-quality clothing is always in demand. But Goodwill appreciates all types of donations, including collectibles, jewelry, antiques, furniture, housewares, shoes, computer items and accessories.

Q: What items shouldn't be donated?
A: Items that shouldn't be donated at all include firearms, ammunition, fireworks, and broken and unusable items. For other items, local Goodwill team members can advise you on what can or can't be donated. There are local and regional laws that cover certain items. For example, some municipalities don't allow the resale of bedding and pillows, and others do.

Q: How much of the stuff that's donated to Goodwill gets sold?
A: In 2021, Goodwill received more than 107 million donations of used goods, totaling an estimated 5.7 billion pounds.

About half of the donations we receive meet our quality standards for our traditional retail and online stores. It's difficult to put clothing on our sales floors that has stains, tears, missing buttons, missing or nonfunctional zippers, or severe damage.

The Goodwill model is based on trying to reduce products from going to waste, so we make every effort to sell, repurpose or recycle donations locally with multiple retail channels, including our outlet stores.

After exhausting all those channels, remaining items are sold in bulk to buyers who put materials into different categories for recycling and exporting, depending on the needs of their network of buyers.

Q: Should people donate luxury goods?
A: Absolutely. If a local Goodwill organization has an online presence, it will put those types of items up for auction, similar to retail auction sites.

We also have some specialty stores, which go by different names, that feature luxury or higher-priced items. They're still a good value — lower than the retail price or even what's sold on the secondary market.

It's important for people to understand that revenue from items they donate that we're able to sell in our stores helps to support Goodwill's mission, which provides people in need with job training and placement programs, as well as support services such as childcare, financial education, free tax preparation and transportation.

Q: When is Goodwill's busiest time of year for donations?
A: Heavier donation times are spring and summer, as temperatures warm up. At year-end, when individuals have time off for the holidays, they clean out closets and donate items so they can deduct the value on their taxes, so that's a big donation time, too.

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The Goldie Initiative Welcomes Megan R. Abraham as CEO

The Goldie Initiative is pleased to welcome Megan Roth Abraham as CEO of the organization, a non-profit dedicated to redefining the commercial real estate industry by elevating and advancing the careers of women with high potential. An entrepreneurial nonprofit builder and executive based in Chicago, Abraham most recently served as the Chief Advancement Officer of JCC Chicago. Her experience includes roles at the National Association of REALTORS, the International Real Property Foundation and the International Consortium of Real Estate Associations. She also serves on faculty at Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership.

Chris Smith Named Comcast Greater Chicago Region Senior Vice President

Chris Smith has been named Senior Vice President of the Company's Greater Chicago Region (GCR), which comprises Central and Northern Illinois, Northern Indiana and Southwest Michigan. In his new role as leader of the region, Smith will oversee a range of functions, from Human Resources to Operations, Customer Experience, Business Strategy and Development, Marketing, Sales, Finance, Government Relations, Community Investment and Communications. Smith, who has more than 20 years of telecommunications industry experience and has held a range of roles, joined Comcast in 2014 and most recently served as the GCR's Vice President of Sales and Marketing.

"Chris is a transformational leader who truly embodies Comcast's culture and values," said Christine Whitaker, President of Comcast's Central Division. "He will be an inspirational leader for the region's thousands of employees, who serve more than three million customers and operate more than 70,000 miles of network infrastructure across the region."

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Stuck or stable?:

Even with a scorching job market, it's OK to stay in place

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Alicia Garnier says it's been tough staying with her Atlanta-based tech company but she feels like she's in no position to look for a new job. "With the job market crazy good this past year, it feels like everyone is moving on but me," she says. "I know it's better right now for my situation to stay here than to go someplace else but it is difficult. I know I could make more money and I know I could do some exciting things but the timing just isn't right."

Garnier's reasons for staying put for now have more to do with her personal life than her professional life. She is currently helping her mother recover from a stroke she had in November. Also, Garnier says she's made some great friends in the area, both at work and near her current home, and she doesn't feel like giving those up just yet. "I really would love to stay in the area and I know there are good jobs here if I do decide to make a change but for now, I don't want to complicate things," she says. "I'm actually enjoying the stability and the routine."

Andrew Proctor, a career consultant in New York, says there are numerous employees who stay where they're at because of similar situations. "I think sometimes people feel unnecessarily guilty when they're not climbing the ladder, when they're not constantly on the lookout for a better situation, but the reality of it is that we have to treat our lives as an entire package. It's not just the job. The job is a large part of it, sure, but it's only a part of it. If everything works together – job, personal life, financial situation, family obligations – then that's great but that's very rare."

While Proctor doesn't think the job market will stay as "on fire" as it is today in the future, he's pretty confident that there will be plenty of better jobs available for people who want them in the months ahead. "There will be slowdowns within certain industries, without a doubt, but the thing about the job market today is that trends are incredibly quick. It used to take months or even years for something to emerge, like a need for more programmers and fewer assembly line workers," he says. "Sometimes, there can be a humongous drop off in the demand for certain positions in what seems like weeks. Granted, these things take longer to develop regardless but once things start getting put into action, companies mimic each other and begin doing the same exact thing with their pool of talent."

Danielle Fischer, a social worker in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, says that working remotely has offered employees a way to switch jobs without necessarily switching environments. "They may miss the contact with some of their colleagues they have online, but for some, it comes with a job," she says. "They know they will be in and out of people's lives throughout their career and working from home can make a lot of that change worth it."

Still, that doesn't mean that even the smallest change in your employment situation can have ripple effects on the rest of your life. "A change can be as small as switching systems, like going from Windows to a Mac, or starting your days at 7:30 a.m. instead of 9 a.m.," Fischer says.

"There's just so much to consider when you make a move. You may have to completely adjust how your kids get to school or when you work out or when you can spend time with your friends. It's not like you can take any job and plug it into your existing job space and have it be the same."

There is also a scenario where you take a new job only to regret it soon after. "Sometimes switching jobs is pretty standard. but sometimes it affects a lot of people and a lot of things and if you realize you're in the wrong place, it's hard to go back," says Fischer. "I'm not recommending that people stay where they are just out of fear but it is important that people know their own ways of dealing with things and realize that they'll have to be prepared for not everything to go as perfectly as they planned on."

No one has to explain that Timothy White, a graduate student at Oklahoma University. White, 28, says he had a great job in Chicago but was completely enamored with a similar position in Los Angeles. "They made me a great offer and I jumped. and for a few weeks, I really loved my life. But the job was pretty much the same job I left so there wasn't anything exciting there and as much as I like Southern California, it's not home. I grew up in the suburbs of Chicago and then I lived in Wicker Park after I graduated and I loved all of it," he says. "When things didn't work out in California, I'll admit that I was kind of embarrassed to go back home. I started looking around for ways to go back to school, thinking I would end up at DePaul or Loyola, but I saw some really cool opportunities at other schools and now I'm in Oklahoma and I'm working and I'm going to school and I'm pretty happy."

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Split decisions: Workers quit jobs for all sorts of reasons

What makes workers dust off the resume, update the LinkedIn account and keep an empty cardboard box under their desk, waiting for the inevitable moving day? We checked with several current and potential employees and here's what they had to say:

"How about a clueless boss? I like the job and she's OK when it comes to time off and raises, but she's just not smart. I don't know why it bothers me so much but it does. I feel like she makes us all dumber when she starts talking at a meeting, especially when we're online. I feel like grabbing my laptop and running out of the room."
– A.N., Aurora, Colorado

"My job has been very lucrative so I can't leave unless I find a really great opportunity but if I did leave, it would be because of my commute, which is 90 minutes each way by car. The office moved out to the far suburbs last year, which is not reachable by train or bus, so I'm sitting in my car for about three hours a day. You can only listen to so many podcasts before you start to go crazy."
– N.W., Chicago

"My co-workers are a bunch of vindictive, talentless fools. I can't wait until I can walk out of this place and leave them all to themselves. I've been a peacekeeper around here. They can stay and rip each other to shreds."
– B.B., Rolling Meadows, Illinois

"I keep reading about student-loan payback benefits, which my company doesn't have, so if I can find that in a job, I'm taking it. I have $36,000 in college debt and I don't want to carry it around forever so I'd leave my job for a job with a program that helped repay that debt."
– T.P., Roseville, California

"I'd switch jobs in a second for more money but if that can't happen, I'd switch for a better view. I look at train tracks all day. If I'm lucky, a freight train will pass by but for the most part, it's just tracks."
– R.T., Lincoln, Nebraska

"Our boss is old school but making me wear a tie every day when I literally sit at my desk all day in front of a computer is dumb. I wore sweats when I worked from home. Now it's insulting, actually. No one sees me."
– C.I., New York City

"I'd like to bring my dog to the office. I don't know if I'd quit because I can't bring him but I'd leave for a place that would welcome my dog. I have alerts set up on all the companies in the area that have dog-friendly policies so I apply when things open up."
– E.B., Chicago

– Marco Buscaglia

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On the move: Some jobs offer stand-up opportunities

Getting tired of sitting in one place all day? Maybe you should consider a new career.

Laurence Shatkin, author of "175 Best Jobs Not Behind a Desk" (Jist, $16.95), defines sedentary jobs as high in "time spent sitting and low in general physical activity." The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Information Network, also known as O*NET, is the country's largest database of job descriptions. It defines occupational responsibilities in various ways, including "Performing General Physical Activities: Performing physical activities that require considerable use of your arms and legs and moving your whole body, such as climbing, lifting, balancing, walking, stooping, and handling of materials." According to O*NET, occupations like nurse, teacher, barber, physical therapist, construction worker, veterinarian and electrician, among others, are more active than others.

"We're going to continue to see a resurgence in active jobs," says O'Neil. "I think there will be a lot of personal and physical neglect that's become more evident as people start going back to the office and their favorite restaurant and the offices of their clients. And that's going to result in more movement — more construction, more repairs, more attention being paid to a person's physical condition — and that movement will require new, active workers. "

– Marco Buscaglia

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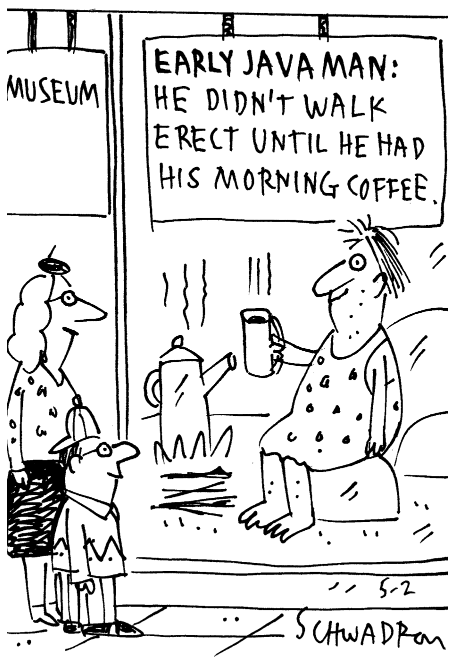
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Software Engineer

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Technology Risk Management Analyst III (Mult Pos)

Chicago, IL | Apply by Email

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Business & Integration Architecture Senior Manager

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BEARS

Disciplined approach

15 months into a methodical rebuild, Poles faces a crucial task: capitalizing fully on the return for No. 1 draft pick

By Colleen Kane
Chicago Tribune

Ryan Poles couldn't escape his own image.

In early March the Bears general manager was at the NFL scouting combine with the No. 1 draft pick and the intention to trade that rare jewel for more assets.

As everyone tried to figure out what Poles would do with the top pick, he was one of the most popular people in Indianapolis, a point driven home by the TV broadcasts playing in the team's suite during combine workouts at Lucas Oil Stadium.

"I felt like 10 times per workout my face was up on the screen," Poles said. "It was like, 'All right,

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NFL DRAFT

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Bears general manager Ryan Poles speaks with the media at Halas Hall on March 16 in Lake Forest. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Marquee pitching matchup on tap Sunday

Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

A smorgasbord of baseball for a lazy Sunday on the couch.

Marquee matters: If you grew up watching Bob Gibson and Fergie Jenkins duel at Wrigley Field, you should love watching Los Angeles Dodgers star Clayton Kershaw face off Sunday afternoon against the Cubs' Marcus Stroman.

Kershaw won his 200th game Tuesday and has one of the top winning percentages in major-league history. Stroman has allowed only two earned runs over 24 innings in four starts for a 0.75 ERA.

Marquee matchups such as Stroman-Kershaw are what MLB needs but doesn't know how to market.

When Kerry Wood faced Roger Clemens on June 7, 2003, the Wrigley Field marquee simply read "Wood vs. Clemens" instead of Cubs vs. Yankees. That was the definition of a marquee matchup.

The juicy Stroman-Kershaw matchup is what MLB should be marketing instead of promoting the success of the new pitch clock like it saved the game.

"It's always good to see marquee

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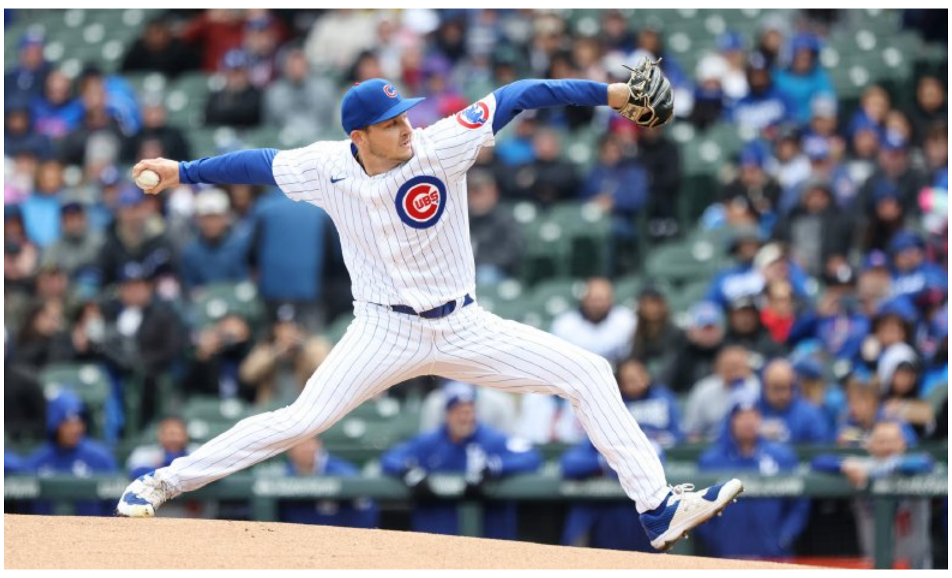

Cubs starting pitcher Hayden Wesneski delivers against the Dodgers in the first inning Saturday at Wrigley Field. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

DODGERS 9, CUBS 4

Rookie's chilly outing

Wesneski struggles on the mound in another short start

By Gordon Wittenmyer | Chicago Tribune

Los Angeles Dodgers manager Dave Roberts poked his head out of the tunnel a few hours before Saturday's game at Wrigley Field just in time to get a face full of cold and an eyeful of snow flurries.

"This is great," Roberts said, scanning the sky and smiling. "I'm pleasantly surprised. I didn't expect snow. And this is the real stuff. So it's going to be fun. Hopefully our guys can perform."

Very funny, right?

Mush.

The Dodgers got on top early against rookie Hayden Wesneski, and it was tough sledding from there for the Cubs in a 9-4 loss, their second in a four-game series that wraps Sunday with a Clayton Kershaw-Marcus Stroman pitching matchup.

But this is how good it's going for the Cubs more than three weeks into a season with middling expectations even on a cold, miserable day of flurries and Dodgers home runs:

You've pretty much got to pick on the rookie fifth starter to find something to be concerned about (albeit if you choose to overlook some of the bullpen warts and the occasional soft spot in the lineup).

It might not seem like much to worry

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RAYS 4, WHITE SOX 3 (10)

'It just hasn't gone our way'

Sox fall 7 games under .500 with another walk-off loss

By LaMond Pope | Chicago Tribune

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — All eyes were on the mound Saturday with aces Dylan Cease starting for the White Sox and Shane McClanahan for the Tampa Bay Rays.

Cease, the 2022 American League Cy Young runner-up, battled into the fifth inning before exiting because of a high pitch count.

McClanahan, who was sixth in last year's AL Cy Young voting, displayed a changeup that kept Sox batters off-balance throughout his six innings.

Neither factored in the decision, and for the second straight game the Rays walked off the Sox.

This time Randy Arozarena did in the Sox, driving in pinch runner Vidal Bruján with a single to right to give the Rays a 4-3 victory in 10 innings in front of 22,333 at Tropicana Field.

"We are playing hard, we are competing, we had a chance to win both games (in the series)," Sox manager Pedro Grifol said. "We've got a good team. I'm not going to question anything here. We prepare. We've just got to keep doing what we are doing. That's it."

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Cubs right fielder Seiya Suzuki lifts his bat after striking out to end the seventh inning against the Dodgers on Saturday at Wrigley Field. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Cubs

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about on April 22 but quickly could become part of a series of strains on all the good vibes the Cubs keep talking about if it goes on much longer.

Two days after the Cubs put veteran Jameson Taillon on the injured list with a left groin strain — the first test of their pitching depth — Wesneski pitched again like the weak link in an otherwise impressive April rotation.

"The great thing about our staff is how well we've been throwing," Cubs manager David Ross said of a rotation that led the National League with a 2.82 ERA entering the game. "And Wez last outing was much better. Just where he's at in his career, we're going to try to take the good with the bad and continue to work through some of the moments where he's not as sharp and trust the human and the work ethic. Right now he's a big part of our success, and we need him to just continue to grow."

Wesneski, who was acquired for reliever Scott Effross from the New York Yankees as a Triple-A prospect at last year's trade deadline, looked like a building block for Jed Hoyer's Next Great Cubs Team during an eye-popping monthlong debut in September and an even more impressive spring.

Since then, he hasn't made it through the fifth inning in three of four starts, and it took surviving a shaky first two innings against the woeful Athletics to do it in that one.

"Maybe I need to have better preparation going into a start and do something a little differently," said Wesneski, who has given up 10 runs in the first and second innings of starts, including two Saturday — and four in all the other innings combined.

"Probably mentally I'm not ready to get going. There's little things you can change. ... I'm going to look into it a little bit more and see if we need to change anything and talk to (pitching coach) Tommy (Hottovy)) about it."

Overall command has been the problem — more out of the zone in earlier starts, more in the zone for hard contact more recently. Especially with his trademark slider that was so good in September.

And there's the right-hander's dramatic platoon splits, with lefties feasting again Saturday, including Dodgers rookie James Outman, whose first career four-hit game included a second-inning homer against Wesneski, a fourth-inning RBI single off him and a second homer off Brad Boxberger in the ninth.

Ross pulled Wesneski with one out in the fifth with lefties Freddie Freeman and Max Muncy — who also hit two homers Saturday — due up.

So patience? Sure. The Cubs are 12-8 after all.

But also this: Who you gonna call?

Taillon's sidelined until at least May 2. Adrian Sampson, the journeyman Wesneski beat out for the rotation job this spring, is on the Triple-A IL with shoulder inflammation. Javier Assad, who started in Taillon's place Thursday, was optioned back to the minors and can't be recalled for 10 days unless he's replacing an injured player.

And as promising as Kyle Hendricks' progress has been as he approaches a probable return from a right shoulder injury sometime next month, he still hasn't started the minor-league rehab assignment that would be the next step, barring setback, after throwing three innings of a simulated game Saturday in Arizona.

So patience?

Wesneski knows as well as the Cubs do how that works in the majors.

It doesn't for long.

"I think about it all the time," Wesneski said. "I could come up here and lie to you and say it doesn't cross my mind. But at the end of the day, all I can worry about is throwing one pitch at a time and getting outs, and whatever happens, happens.

"I've got to compete and get after it a little bit more. And we're close. We're not far off."

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The Sox fought back from deficits twice before losing for the eighth time in 10 games. At 7-14, they are seven games below .500 for the first time since concluding the 2019 season 72-89.

Gavin Sheets' pinch-hit homer off Rays reliever Jason Adam tied the game at 3 in the eighth.

Sox reliever Reynaldo López bounced back from Friday, when he allowed three runs in the ninth in the 8-7 loss, with a perfect ninth Saturday to send the game to extras.

Arozarena came through for the Rays the next inning as the Sox suffered consecutive walk-off losses for the first time since Sept. 22-23, 2020, in Cleveland.

"We've fought really well, we've come back in both games and sometimes I just think that's how baseball goes," Cease said. "I'm proud of how we've played."

Cease allowed three runs on six hits with five strikeouts and one walk in four-plus innings. He threw 101 pitches, leaving after allowing consecutive singles to begin the fifth.

"I was just falling behind a lot," Cease said. "I wasn't executing fastballs very well. I got into a groove with my slider a little bit later in the game, but really not having it that first inning cost me a ton of pitches. I adjusted decently, still need to be better."

It was a busy beginning for Cease, who gave up a two-run homer to Arozarena during a 35-pitch first inning.

White Sox designated hitter Yasmani Grandal celebrates after hitting a home run against the Rays during the fifth inning Saturday in St. Petersburg, Fla. **SCOTT AUDETTE/AP**

"They had some good at-bats against him and they ran up the pitch count," Grifol said.

Eloy Jiménez homered in the second, his second in as many days, and Yasmani Grandal's blast in the fifth tied the game.

McClanahan allowed the two runs on three hits with 10 strikeouts and one walk in six innings. He had 32 swings-and-misses, according to MLB Statcast.

"He's got great stuff," Grifol said.

The Rays regained the lead in the fifth on an Arozarena RBI single. Sheets, hitting for Romy Gonzalez in the eighth, connected for his second homer of the season to tie the game again.

"Just was able to get on top of it and did some damage," Sheets said. "I'm not trying to do too much in that situation, just going against a tough guy and trying to put a good at-bat together."

That turned out to be the team's final hit. The Sox went down in order in the 10th with automatic runner Oscar Colás stranded at second.

They had a tough decision to make in the bottom of the 10th with a runner on second and one out. The Sox elected to intentionally walk Wander Franco and face Arozarena.

"We liked the (Jimmy) Lambert-Arozarena matchup," Grifol said.

Arozarena singled to right and Bruján, the automatic runner, scored just ahead of Adam Haseley's throw as the Rays improved to 12-0 at home and 18-3 overall. The Sox, meanwhile, suffered another series loss (0-6-1) regardless of Sunday's finale.

"We're doing a lot of really good things this series," Sheets said. "It just hasn't gone our way."

Rays honor longtime announcer Dave Wills

Before the game, the Rays honored longtime radio announcer Dave Wills, who died March 5 at 58. Wills, an Oak Lawn native, was the team's radio play-by-play voice from 2005-22 after working on the Sox radio network for 11 seasons as a pregame and postgame host. During the tribute, the Rays read a letter from Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf.

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starters go head-to-head," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said of Sunday's matchup. "It brings out the best in each individual, and I think the fans really enjoy that. I haven't seen a Stroman-Kershaw matchup, so I'm excited about it. It's going to be a fun one. They're both throwing the baseball really well."

Kershaw, like Tom Brady, seems impervious to the aging process. Though wins have been replaced by various metrics as the most determinative way to judge a starter's quality, Kershaw's .694 winning percentage (200-88) ranks fifth all time and slightly ahead of 10th-ranked Pedro Martinez, the best pitcher of his generation (219-100, .687).

How does Kershaw manage to keep dominating despite injuries and aging?

"The consistency of preparation, and he has three elite pitches," Roberts said. "And just his will to have success. He's just not going to be denied."

Mission accomplished: Soon there will be no there there in Oakland, as Gertrude Stein might say.

News that the Oakland A's have purchased land in Las Vegas to build a new ballpark means the end is at hand for the city's long-neglected ballclub and ballpark.

The A's signed a binding agreement on a 49-acre plot in Las Vegas near Allegiant Stadium, home of the former Oakland Raiders. Plenty of issues must be resolved before we know any timeline, but A's President Dave Kaval said a stadium could be ready for opening day 2027, which gives A's owner John Fisher more time to let the ballpark fall apart.

It's a sad ending to a pathetic story of team mismanagement on the business side and lack of spending on the baseball side. It's almost like an old-school sports movie in which the evil owner tries to run the team into the ground so they can move (see "Slap Shot," "Major League," etc.).

Oakland should be used to this by now. The Raiders left twice, and the Golden State Warriors moved across the bay to San Francisco. But it still hurts. Vida Blue to "Viva Las Vegas" has been a long, strange trip.

A new stadium assuredly will cure all the A's ills, just as PNC Park did for the Pittsburgh Pirates and Great American Ball Park did for the Cincinnati Reds.

Oh, wait. Those franchises still haven't won anything in their "new" parks despite their teams insisting a modern facility was necessary to be competitive? Never mind.

A's fans have organized a reverse boycott for a June 13 game to show they can support a team whose management continuously disrespects them. It's too late, but it should be a memorable event.

Upper deck 101: Closing the upper deck at Guaranteed Rate Field for a few games last week made sense for the White Sox from an economic perspective. Why have concessions open and security on hand if so few fans deem it worthwhile to sit up there?

Of course, that also meant Sox fans paying full freight for box seats sitting next to those who bought much cheaper upper-deck tickets and were instructed to find seats in the lower bowl.

If the Sox don't come out of their early-season tailspin, getting even the lower bowl filled could be a problem.

Trademark this: A smiley face emoji and a talking belly button emoji seemed like an appropriate T-shirt combo for a Smyly-Belly afternoon Friday at Wrigley Field. Drew Smyly pitched seven perfect innings against the Los Angeles Dodgers and Cody Bellinger homered against his former team. Could Smyly/Belly be the new Bryzzo?

Sunday morning flashback: White Sox slugger Paul Konerko hit his only inside-the-park home run on April 12, 2000, at Tropicana Field in a 13-6 win against the Tampa Bay Rays. Konerko was the slowest player on the team, but lined a pitch off the center-field wall and was waved around third base by coach "Wavin' Wally" Johnson. "It was kind of a blur," Konerko said. "Well, I wasn't a blur. But it happened quickly." It was the first inside-the-parker for the Sox since the equally slow-footed Ron Karkovice on Aug. 30, 1990, at the Metrodome.

Mute button: Are there two more whiny modern-day athletes than New York Mets pitcher Max Scherzer and Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green? Nothing is ever their fault in spite of a smoking gun.

Chicago's very own: Jason Heyward is a Dodger, but he kept his home in Chicago and still lives here. Upon his return Thursday, Heyward was asked whether he thought he might not see Wrigley Field again after the Cubs let him go. "Might not see it? Well, I'm a resident," he replied. "I knew at some point I would see Wrigley again. That might have been walking the dogs out here in the outfield."

Wisdom vs. Kong: Dave "Kong" Kingman was remembered for two things in Chicago — hitting monstrous home runs at Wrigley Field and striking out the rest of the time.

In his three-year stint on the North Side from 1978-80, Kingman struck out 21.7% of his at-bats and hit 94 home runs in 345 games, including a league-leading 48 in 1979.

Cubs third baseman/outfielder Patrick Wisdom has Kingman's raw power and a 90.9 EV (exit velocity), which reliable sources indicate means he hits the ball very hard when making contact.

Kingman played before EV ever was dreamed of as a baseball statistic. But he once hit a ball that rolled down Kenmore Avenue beyond the left-field bleachers. As power goes, they're at least in the same area code.

But Wisdom has struck out 36.5% of the time in his three seasons with the Cubs (plus two games in 2020) while hitting 62 home runs in 260 games. His 31.6% strikeout rate heading into Saturday was an improvement, and the Cubs seem willing to accept it in return for his league-leading .743 slugging percentage. It has paid off so far.

Kingman's 48-homer season in 1979 was a remarkable one to watch unfold. Wisdom already has nine homers through 20 games.

It could mean nothing, of course.

But keep an eye on it.

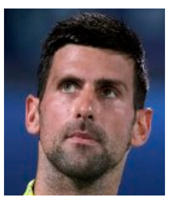
NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Corpuz, Yin tied for lead at Chevron

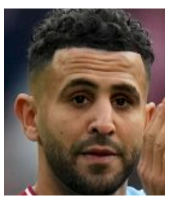
Americans Allisen Corpuz, pictured, and Angel Yin shared the Chevron Championship lead at 10-under 206 after the third round Saturday. Corpuz and Yin each shot 5-under 67 at The Club at Carlton Woods in the major tournament that moved from the California desert to suburban Houston this year. Corpuz started out strong, with birdies on four of the first five holes, including the first three. She had a chance to birdie the 18th in a bogey-free round, but her putt rolled just shy. "Just tried to put myself in good position, fairways and greens," she said. "Just hit some really solid shots starting out and was able to convert the putts." Yin had four birdies on the back nine, highlighted by one on the 18th that moved her into the tie for first. "Even though I didn't hit it as good as I did the first day or the second day, I did manage to score well, and I just adapted and I stayed patient," she said. "My caddie kept telling me to stay patient, so I'm glad I did that." Corpuz and Yin are both looking for their first LPGA Tour title, but the two have very different plans if they win this one Sunday.

Djokovic out of the Madrid Open

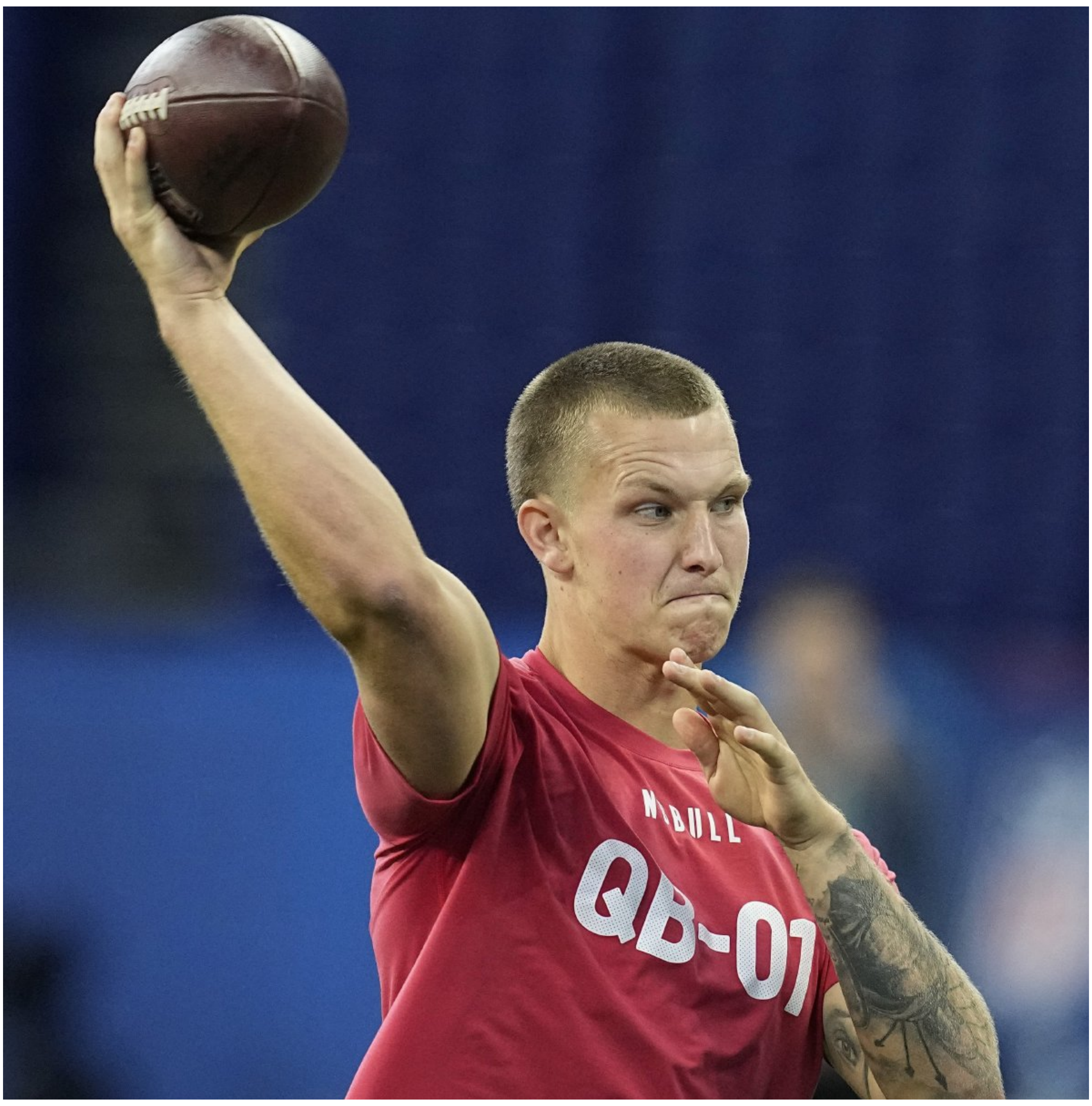


Top-ranked Novak Djokovic will miss the Madrid Open, apparently due to a fitness issue, the Spanish event said Saturday. The Madrid Open said on Twitter: "Wishing you a speedy recovery, we hope to see you back on court as soon as possible, Nole." While no specific reason was given for Djokovic's withdrawal, he did discuss issues with his elbow recently, mostly downplaying the extent of the problem. Rafael Nadal, who shares the record of 22 Grand Slam titles with Djokovic, said this week that he would miss the Madrid tournament due to a nagging hip injury that has sidelined him since the Australian Open in January. The next major is the French Open starting on May 28. The 35-year-old Djokovic has had back-to-back early exits from tournaments. He lost in the round of 16 at Monte Carlo to Lorenzo Musetti. Then, on Friday, Dusan Lajovic beat Djokovic in the quarterfinals of the Srpska Open, dealing him his first loss to a Serb countryman in 11 years. The Madrid Open starts on Monday. Djokovic has won the tournament three times.

Man City keeps treble dream alive



Three goals for Riyad Mahrez, pictured, have protected Manchester City's bid for three trophies. The Algerian forward's hat trick in a 3-0 win against Sheffield United on Saturday advanced City to the FA Cup final. Having secured a place in the semifinals of the Champions League this week, Pep Guardiola's team took another step toward a treble with a routine victory at Wembley Stadium. The FA Cup final in June will be against Manchester United or Brighton. City can also seize control of the English Premier League title race against leader Arsenal on Wednesday. In City's current mood, it is difficult to see anyone stopping the defending league champion from emulating Manchester United's 1999 treble of Champions League, Premier League and FA Cup glory. Certainly not second-division side Sheffield, whose chance of an historic FA Cup shock was effectively ended in the 43rd minute when Mahrez struck from the penalty spot after Daniel Jebbison fouled Bernardo Silva in the box. Mahrez doubled City's lead in the 61st. The third came five minutes later. *—Associated Press*



Shepherd quarterback Tyson Bagent runs a drill at the NFL scouting combine on March 4 in Indianapolis. **DARRON CUMMINGS/AP**

NFL DRAFT

Chasing down big dreams

Bagent's journey typifies NFL draft's small school prospects

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Tyson Bagent played college football in relative obscurity.

At Shepherd University in West Virginia's eastern panhandle, it would be easy to bypass this Division II school and its star quarterback. But when the Jets visited Shepherdstown in 2019, Bagent's whole world changed.

Suddenly, the son of an international arm-wrestling champion saw the NFL become a realistic opportunity. Next week Bagent just might be the first Shepherd player drafted since the Houston Oilers took Wayne Wilson in the 12th round in 1979.

"I know I'm right where I'm supposed to be," Bagent said. "I know I'm just as good as any quarterback in this draft class. And I know I have exactly what it takes to play at this level."

The strong-armed Bagent certainly looks the part at 6-foot-3, 213 pounds. He also has numbers that would make Bryce Young or C.J. Stroud jealous — completing 69.9% of his throws last season, setting a Division II career record with 17,034 yards and 159 TD passes, the most of any quarterback at any level in NCAA history.

And while Young won the 2021 Heisman Trophy, Bagent was busy winning the Division II equivalent — the Harlon Hill Trophy.

It explains why he was one of 15 quarterbacks invited to this year's annual NFL scouting combine. Thanks to the alphabetical listing, he also received the coveted QB1 T-shirt. He hopes to keep that title in the NFL, if he can navigate yet another twist in a long, winding, lightly-recruited journey after winning two West Virginia state titles at Martinsburg High School. Nearby Shepherd University is roughly 155 miles east of Morgantown, about 75 miles northwest of Washington and 5 miles from Antietam Battlefield.

There are plenty of encouraging examples for Bagent to lean on.

Nearly six dozen former Division II players made NFL rosters last season, including stars such as Tyreke Hill, Austin Ekeler and Matthew Judon.

Even at the sport's most important position, the historical list of smaller school success stories includes NAIA alums Dave Krieg and Jon Kitna, Division III star Ken Anderson, Doug Williams from the FCS and James Harris, who played in the past NCAA small school College Division.

Bagent believes he could join the 1956 Baltimore Colts 28th-round pick John Shearer as the only quarterbacks taken from Shepherd — the same alma mater of longtime Colts executive vice president, the now-retired Bob Terpening.

"I come from a D2 school but I'm not a D2-caliber player," he said. "I'm the same caliber as anybody else in this (draft class). I'm counting down the days to where nobody has to wear a lanyard that says where you're from."

Bagent isn't the only unknown trying to make it big this year.

Offensive lineman McClendon Curtis of Chattanooga and edge rusher Caleb Murphy of Ferris State also are part of the club. Receiver Andrei Iosivas of Princeton hopes to add another chapter to the Tigers' recent strong tournament performances in men's and women's basketball.

Linebackers Aubrey Miller Jr. of Jackson State and Isaiah Land of Florida A&M, offensive lineman Mark Evans II of Arkansas-Pine Bluff and receiver Dallas Daniels, Miller's teammate, hope to add their names to the long list of Historically Black College and University pro stars. Then there's the Division II contingent led by Bagent and four offensive linemen — teammate Joey Fisher, Quinton Barrow of Grand Valley State, Jake Witt of Northern Michigan and Jacky Chen, who could be the first draft pick to come from Pace University in New York City.

They all know the challenge.

"I have to do a little bit more," Evans said. "When I'm coming from a smaller school, playing big games, versus bigger competition, I'm trying to go out there and put on a show because those are the games you know they'll be watching."

While some are projected to be selected ahead of Bagent, a late-round prospect, few possess the kind of credentials that nearly landed Bagent at Maryland or West Virginia before last season.

Instead, he declined to transfer, earning a degree from Shepherd like his parents while making his school a must-see destination for NFL scouts.

"I would have had to repeat a year, a year and a half of classes and the whole unknown of that is that no situation is as good as they make it seem. I'm old enough to know that," said Bagent about his reasoning. "My grandfather was sick. He was a big part of my academic success and he wanted to see me graduate. I knew if I transferred, that wasn't going to happen."

Now the goal has changed again.

Rather than challenging his exuberantly funny father, Travis, to an arm-wrestling match, the younger Bagent wants to show NFL scouts he possesses enough raw talent to give him a shot. Sure, there will be growing pains. But Bagent insists he can beat the odds as he's done over the last five seasons — if someone gives him a chance.

"I've always felt, for whatever reason, it was within my grasp even when that was probably kind of ridiculous considering where I come from," he said. "After winning the D2 Heisman, when I started working with quarterback trainers, they clarified that I didn't just look the part but I am the part when it comes to footwork, my IQ of the game. I'm as ready as anybody else, if not more."

NASCAR

Drivers get a chance to vent to execs

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — The day opened at Talladega Superspeedway with NASCAR executives holding an all-driver meeting.

It was regularly scheduled and mostly mirrored a lengthier meeting held earlier this week between NASCAR and the smaller drivers' alliance.

The topics included safety, rules and procedures and anything the drivers wished to discuss.

Based on the last few weeks, the list of driver gripes might have been plentiful.

"Certainly I think that there's a lot of negative talk in a short amount of time," said Denny Hamlin, pole-sitter for Sunday's race at Talladega Superspeedway.

NASCAR has withered a blistering six weeks of sinking television ratings, controversial penalties — some strangely adjusted during the appeals process, others not — and some sub-par racing that has drivers screaming for changes to the second-year Next Gen car.

Those calls were increased after last Sunday's race at Martinsville Speedway, where drivers got out of their cars grumbling that passing was nearly impossible.

"We have a way of making things sound a lot worse than they really are," said reigning Cup champion Joey Logano. "We give you our feelings in the moment, but I think when you take a step back and look at where we are as a sport, as a whole, and the racing that we have, it isn't that bad."

Next up is Sunday's race at Talladega Superspeedway, which snaps a month of one road course race and three short track races — four venues scheduled to entice viewership with racing that differs from NASCAR's typical intermediate-sized speedways.

But the road course race at Circuit of the Americas in Texas was a chaotic crash-fest, short track stops at Richmond and Bristol had mixed reactions, and finally Martinsville, which didn't produce the action the audience expects.

Now drivers are asking for more horsepower, tires that wear off faster and to eliminate shifting. According to Kevin Harvick, who makes his 800th career start, they also ask for the outlandish.

Harvick, as he prepares to move into the Fox Sports television booth next season, admitted he just tosses out ideas to see what might stick now that an open line of communication has been established with NASCAR.

"I would never tell anybody to not voice their opinion because I think the opinions are what shape our future," Harvick said. "You have to listen to everybody, and when there is somebody who doesn't like the opinion, we have a group now who will go talk to that individual and say, 'Hey, tell us more. We want to understand where you're coming from,' and it gives them a way to have a voice aside from in (the media center).

"You don't have to do it in here. Yeah, this is effective if you can't get very far, but there are other ways to get things accomplished in our garage today."

Talladega, a 2.66-mile high-speed track prone to create spectacular crashes and surprise winners, on Sunday can change the tone of the conversation permeating the sport.

"Talladega really never doesn't deliver. It always delivers," Logano said. "You're not going to know who is going to win the race going down the backstretch (of the final lap). That's why fans love it."

But does that actually make for a great race?

"The problem is 498 miles can be a snoozer," said Corey Lajoie. "But if you get a green-white-checkered (overtime) and a couple wrecks at the end, people's assumption is the race is ultimately a great race."

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	18	3	.857	—	—	7-3	W-4	12-0	6-3
Baltimore	13	7	.650	4½	+1½	8-2	W-5	6-3	7-4
New York	13	8	.619	5	+1	6-4	W-1	9-6	4-2
Toronto	12	9	.571	6	—	5-5	L-1	4-2	8-7
Boston	11	11	.500	7½	1½	6-4	L-1	7-6	4-5

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	11	10	.524	—	—	4-6	L-3	4-4	7-6
Cleveland	10	11	.476	1	2	3-7	L-2	2-6	8-5
Detroit	7	12	.368	3	4	5-5	L-3	4-4	3-8
Chicago	7	14	.333	4	5	2-8	L-3	3-6	4-8
Kansas City	4	16	.200	6½	7½	1-9	L-7	1-12	3-4

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Texas	13	7	.650	—	—	7-3	W-1	7-4	6-3
Houston	11	10	.524	2½	1	6-4	W-3	6-7	5-3
Los Angeles	10	10	.500	3	1½	5-5	W-1	4-3	6-7
Seattle	9	11	.450	4	2½	5-5	W-1	6-8	3-3
Oakland	4	17	.190	9½	8	2-8	L-1	2-10	2-7

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	14	7	.667	—	—	7-3	L-3	4-5	10-2
New York	14	8	.636	½	+1	8-2	L-1	4-2	10-6
Miami	12	9	.571	2	½	8-2	W-2	7-6	5-3
Philadelphia	10	12	.455	4½	3	6-4	W-2	5-4	5-8
Washington	7	13	.350	6½	5	4-6	W-2	2-9	5-4

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	15	6	.714	—	—	7-3	W-1	6-2	9-4
Pittsburgh	15	7	.682	½	+2	8-2	W-6	6-3	9-4
Chicago	12	8	.600	2½	—	6-4	L-1	6-6	6-2
St. Louis	8	12	.400	6½	4	5-5	L-1	5-8	3-4
Cincinnati	7	14	.333	8	5½	3-7	L-5	6-6	1-8

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Arizona	12	10	.545	—	—	5-5	L-1	6-4	6-6
Los Angeles	11	11	.500	1	2	5-5	W-1	6-6	5-5
San Diego	11	12	.478	1½	2½	4-6	W-1	5-8	6-4
San Francisco	7	13	.350	4	5	3-7	W-1	3-6	4-7
Colorado	6	16	.273	6	7	1-9	L-2	3-7	3-9

BOX SCORES

N.Y. YANKEES 3, TORONTO 2

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer rf	4	0	1	0	1	.209
Bichette ss	4	0	1	0	0	.344
Guerrero Jr. 1b	3	0	1	0	0	.346
Chapman 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.360
Varsho cf	4	0	1	0	1	.222
Kirk c	2	1	1	0	0	.261
Belt dh	3	0	0	0	2	.174
a-Jansen ph-dh	1	1	1	2	0	.139
Merrifield lf	4	0	1	0	0	.309
Espinal 2b	0	0	0	0	0	.114
1-Biggio pr-2b	3	0	0	0	0	.111
TOTALS	**32**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**6**	

New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Volpe ss	4	1	1	2	1	.200
Judge cf	4	0	0	0	1	.257
Rizzo 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.319
2-Kiner-Falefa pr	0	1	0	0	0	.161
Torres 2b	4	0	2	0	0	.254
Calhoun dh	3	0	0	0	2	.136
F.Cordero rf	3	0	0	0	0	.186
b-LeMahieu ph	1	0	1	1	0	.250
Trevino c	3	0	0	0	1	.205
Cabrera lf	3	0	1	0	0	.238
Peraza 3b	2	1	1	0	0	.250
TOTALS	**31**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**5**	

		R	H	E
Toronto	**000 000 002**	**2**	**7**	**1**
New York	**000 000 021**	**3**	**7**	**0**

No outs when winning run scored. a-homered for Belt in the 9th. b-singled for F.Cordero in the 9th. 1-ran for Espinal in the 2nd. 2-ran for Rizzo in the 9th. **E:** Kirk (2). **LOB:** Toronto 8, New York 6. **2B:** Guerrero Jr. (2), Kirk (1), Bichette (5), Cabrera (3), Rizzo (4). HR: Jansen (1), off Peralta; Volpe (2), off Garcia. **RBIs:** Jansen 2(6), Volpe 2(4), LeMahieu (8). SB: Cabrera (4), Peraza (1), Varsho (4). CS: Springer (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 6(Belt 2, Varsho 3, Springer); New York 2(Judge 2). **RISP:** Toronto 0for 9; New York 2 for 4. **GIDP:** Springer. **DP:** New York 1 (Torres, Volpe, Rizzo).

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Manoah	7	2	0	0	1	5	5.13
Garcia	1	2	2	2	0	0	7.20
Romano, L, 2-1	0	3	1	1	1	0	3.86

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cole	5⅔	4	0	0	2	4	0.79
Marinaccio	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.93
Holmes	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.15
Peralta	⅔	2	2	2	1	0	3.38
J.Cordero, W, 1-0	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	2.45

Inherited runners-scored: Marinaccio 2-0, Peralta 1-0, J.Cordero 1-0. **HBP:** Cole (Espinal). **Umpires:** Home, Manny Gonzalez; First, Quinn Wolcott; Second, Junior Valentine; Third, Adrian Johnson. T: 2:35. **A:** 43,223(47,309).

WASHINGTON 10, MINNESOTA 4

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Call lf	3	2	0	0	3	.196
Candelario 3b	5	1	2	2	0	.268
Meneses 1b	6	0	4	2	2	.259
Garcia 2b	4	0	2	1	0	.236
Thomas rf	5	1	1	0	3	.278
Smith dh	4	1	2	0	1	.243
Adams c	3	1	1	0	1	.167
Abrams ss	5	1	1	3	1	.212
Robles cf	4	3	2	1	1	.305
TOTALS	**39**	**10**	**15**	**9**	**12**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Buxton dh	4	1	1	1	2	.243
Gallo 1b	4	1	0	0	2	.258
Solano ph	1	0	0	0	0	.308
Correa ss	4	0	3	1	1	.227
Kepler rf	4	1	1	0	1	.175
Castro ph	1	0	0	0	1	.208
Polanco 2b	5	1	1	0	1	.222
Larnach lf	4	0	1	2	0	.233
Miranda 3b	4	0	2	0	0	.229
Vazquez c	3	0	0	0	2	.298
Taylor cf	2	0	0	0	1	.231
Gordon ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	.104
TOTALS	**37**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**11**	

		R	H	E
Washington	**220 100 302**	**10**	**15**	**1**
Minnesota	**001 010 200**	**4**	**9**	**0**

E: Adams (1). **LOB:** Washington 11, Minnesota 10. **2B:** Candelario (4), Meneses (6), Robles (3), Kepler (3), Polanco (1), Larnach (2). 3B: Robles (1). HR: Abrams (1), off Woods Richardson; Buxton (3), off Kuhl. **RBIs:** Meneses 2(7), Garcia (7), Candelario 2 (11), Abrams 3(8), Robles (5), Buxton (7), Correa (8), Larnach 2(15). SF: Candelario. S: Adams..

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kuhl	3⅔	3	1	1	4	5	7.36
Thompson, W, 2-1	2⅓	2	1	0	0	4	1.15
Harris	1	3	2	2	0	0	4.50
Edwards Jr.	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.96
Banda	1	1	0	0	0	1	6.00

MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
P.Lopez, L, 1-2	4	8	5	5	2	6	3.00
Woods Richardson	4⅔	7	5	5	3	5	9.64
Headrick	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	2.70

Inherited runners-scored: Thompson 2-0, Headrick 2-0. **HBP:** P.Lopez 2 (Call,Robles). **WP:** Kuhl, P.Lopez. PB: Adams (1), Vazquez (1). **Umpires:** Home, Pat Hoberg; First, Nestor Ceja; Second, Alex MacKay; Third, Brian O'Nora. T: 3:09. **A:** 23,045(38,544).

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BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG.
M.Chapman Tor	19	71	27	13	.380
Mateo Bal	16	47	17	13	.362
Bichette Tor	20	86	30	12	.349
Guerrero Jr. Tor	20	78	27	15	.346
Dubón Hou	16	67	23	14	.343
Verdugo Bos	21	82	28	17	.341
Arozarena TB	19	75	25	15	.333
Hays Bal	19	71	23	16	.324
Rizzo NYY	19	68	22	10	.324
Kelenic Sea	18	61	19	8	.311

Home Runs: Devers, Boston, 7; B.Lowe, Tampa Bay, 6; Y.Díaz, Tampa Bay, 6; Judge, New York, 6; Mountcastle, Baltimore, 6; Gallo, Minnesota, 5; Burger, Chicago, 5; Alvarez, Houston, 5; M.Chapman, Toronto, 5; Robert Jr., Chicago, 5.

Runs Batted In: Alvarez, Houston, 23; A.García, Texas, 20; Mountcastle, Baltimore, 20; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 18; Semien, Texas, 18; Devers, Boston, 18; M.Chapman, Toronto, 17; Renfroe, Los Angeles, 16; 4 tied at 15.

Pitching: Cole, New York, 4-0; Ryan, Minnesota, 4-0; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 4-0; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 3-0; Gibson, Baltimore, 3-0; Cortes, New York, 3-0; Kikuchi, Toronto, 3-0; Houck, Boston, 3-0; Rasmussen, Tampa Bay, 3-1; M.Pérez, Texas, 3-1.

ERA: Ohtani, Los Angeles, 0.64; L.Castillo, Seattle, 0.73; S.Gray, Minnesota, 0.82; Cole, New York, 0.95; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 1.57; P.López, Minnesota, 1.73; F.Valdez, Houston, 1.80; Cease, Chicago, 2.02; Rasmussen, Tampa Bay, 2.02; Wells, Baltimore, 2.70.

L.A. DODGERS 9, CHICAGO CUBS 4

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Betts 2b-rf	5	1	1	0	1	.257
Freeman 1b	5	1	2	0	1	.294
Muncy 3b	4	2	2	3	1	.254
Martinez dh	3	2	1	0	0	.250
Heyward rf-cf	4	1	0	0	0	.171
Outman cf-lf	5	2	4	4	0	.314
Peralta lf	2	0	0	0	0	.227
Vargas ph-2b	3	0	1	1	1	.211
Taylor ss	3	0	0	0	1	.111
Barnes c	4	0	0	0	3	.034
TOTALS	**38**	**9**	**11**	**8**	**8**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hoerner 2b	5	2	2	2	1	.367
Swanson ss	4	0	0	0	1	.315
Happ lf	2	0	1	0	1	.307
Suzuki rf	3	1	0	1	1	.333
Bellinger cf	3	0	0	0	1	.289
Wisdom 3b-1b	4	0	0	0	2	.257
Hosmer 1b	2	0	1	1	1	.250
Madrigal ph-3b	2	0	1	0	1	.324
Mancini dh	4	0	0	0	2	.232
Barnhart c	2	0	0	0	0	.200
Rios ph	0	1	0	0	0	.063
Torrens c	1	0	0	0	1	.313
TOTALS	**32**	**4**	**5**	**4**	**12**	

		R	H	E
Los Angeles	**110 101 203**	**9**	**11**	**0**
Chicago	**100 100 200**	**4**	**5**	**1**

E: Wisdom (2). **LOB:** Los Angeles 7, Chicago 7. **2B:** Freeman (5), Martinez (9), Hosmer (3). HR: Outman (6), off Wesneski; Muncy (9), off Leiter Jr.; Muncy (10), off Boxberger; Outman (7), off Boxberger; Hoerner (2), off Almonte. **RBIs:** Outman 4(19), Vargas (4), Muncy 3(19), Suzuki (5), Hosmer (11), Hoerner 2(11). SB: Betts (1), Bellinger (4), Happ (4), Taylor (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 4(Betts, Barnes, Heyward, Muncy); Chicago 4(Madrigal 2, Wisdom, Mancini). **DP:** Chicago 1(Hoerner, Hosmer).

LOS ANGELES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
May, W, 2-1	5⅓	2	2	2	3	6	3.07
Vesia, H, 1	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	9.95
Almonte	1	2	2	2	1	2	7.56
Ferguson, H, 1	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.16
Miller	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.80

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wesneski, L, 1-1	4⅓	5	3	3	1	1	6.23
Hughes	1	1	1	1	1	2	2.25
Rucker	⅔	1	0	0	0	2	2.89
Leiter Jr.	1	2	2	2	1	1	2.16
Alzolay	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.53
Boxberger	⅔	2	3	3	1	0	4.50
Merryweather	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	8.31

Inherited runners-scored: Vesia 1-0, Hughes 1-0, Rucker 2-1. **HBP:** May (Suzuki). PB: Barnes (2). **Umpires:** Home, Mike Estabrook; First, Erich Bacchus; Second, Ryan Wills; Third, Andy Fletcher. T: 2:55. **A:** 35,076 (41,363).

MIAMI 6, CLEVELAND 1
GAME 1

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Chisholm Jr. cf	4	0	0	0	1	.222
Soler dh	3	1	0	0	2	.254
Arraez 2b	4	1	1	2	0	.426
De La Cruz lf	3	2	2	1	1	.306
Garcia rf	4	0	1	1	0	.163
Segura 3b	4	1	2	0	1	.206
Gurriel 1b	2	0	1	1	0	.278
Stallings c	4	0	0	1	0	.143
Berti ss	3	1	0	0	0	.213
TOTALS	**31**	**6**	**7**	**6**	**5**	

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	3	0	0	0	0	.237
Rosario ss	4	1	1	0	1	.224
Ramirez 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.256
Bell dh	4	0	1	1	1	.194
Gonzalez rf	3	0	0	0	2	.146
Gimenez 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.267
Zunino c	2	0	0	0	1	.275
Naylor 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.161
Straw cf	3	0	1	0	0	.292
TOTALS	**29**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**7**	

		R	H	E
Miami	**020 001 300**	**6**	**7**	**0**
Cleveland	**000 100 000**	**1**	**4**	**1**

E: Rosario (5). **LOB:** Miami 6, Cleveland 3. **2B:** Segura (1), De La Cruz (2), Bell (7). HR: De La Cruz (2), off Bieber. **RBIs:** Gurriel (3), Stallings (2), De La Cruz (8), Arraez 2(9), Garcia (2), Bell (9). CS: Arraez (1). S: Chisholm Jr.. **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 2(Chisholm Jr., Stallings); Cleveland 1(Gimenez). **RISP:** Miami 3for 8; Cleveland 0for 3. **GIDP:** Segura, Arraez, Straw. **DP:** Miami 2(Gurriel, Stallings, Chisholm Jr., Stallings, Chisholm Jr.; Berti, Arraez, Gurriel); Cleveland 2(Rosario, Gimenez, Naylor; Rosario, Gimenez, Naylor).

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Smeltzer	4	3	1	1	1	3	9.00
Nardi, W, 2-1	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	3.72
Brazoban, H, 2	1⅔	0	0	0	0	2	3.29
Barnes	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.35
Okert	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00

CLEVELAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bieber, L, 1-1	5⅔	4	3	3	4	4	3.23
Sandlin	⅓	0	1	1	2	0	5.00
Herrin	⅓	2	2	2	1	0	7.88
De Los Santos	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	1.23
Gaddis	2	0	0	0	0	1	6.86

Inherited runners-scored: Sandlin 1-0, Herrin 1-1, De Los Santos 2-1. **WP:** Smeltzer. PB: Zunino (1). **Umpires:** Home, Ryan Additon; First, Brian Walsh; Second, Lance Barksdale; Third, Will Little. T: 2:28.

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BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG.
Arraez Mia	18	64	28	7	.438
Nimmo NYM	20	72	27	13	.375
Acuña Jr. Atl	20	84	31	19	.369
Hoerner ChC	19	85	31	17	.365
Marsh Phi	19	62	22	12	.355
Bogaerts SD	22	83	29	14	.349
Stott Phi	21	93	32	6	.344
Swanson ChC	18	69	23	16	.333
J.Rojas Ari	17	68	22	12	.324
E.Díaz Col	20	62	20	7	.323

Home Runs: Alonso, New York, 10; Wisdom, Chicago, 9; Muncy, Los Angeles, 8; Tellez, Milwaukee, 6; Olson, Atlanta, 6; 9 tied at 5.

Runs Batted In: Alonso, New York, 23; Olson, Atlanta, 20; Gorman, St. Louis, 18; Wisdom, Chicago, 18; Lindor, New York, 17; Reynolds, Pittsburgh, 17; Muncy, Los Angeles, 16; Bohm, Philadelphia, 16; Albies, Atlanta, 16.

Pitching: Steele, Chicago, 3-0; Senga, New York, 3-0; Gallen, Arizona, 3-1; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 3-1; Lauer, Milwaukee, 3-1; Megill, New York, 3-1; K.Nelson, Arizona, 3-1; J.Urías, Los Angeles, 3-2; 6 tied at 2-0.

ERA: Stroman, Chicago, 0.75; Elder, Atlanta, 1.14; Steele, Chicago, 1.44; Ashcraft, Cincinnati, 1.88; Oviedo, Pittsburgh, 2.22; Strider, Atlanta, 2.46; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 2.52; Kelly, Arizona, 2.53; Gallen, Arizona, 2.59; DeSclafani, San Francisco, 2.63.

TAMPA BAY 4
CHICAGO WHITE SOX 3 (10)

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Andrus ss	5	0	1	0	1	.216
Robert Jr. cf	4	0	0	0	4	.233
Vaughn 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.257
Jimenez rf	4	1	1	1	1	.200
Haseley rf	0	0	0	0	0	---
Burger 3b	3	0	0	0	3	.250
Benintendi lf	4	0	1	0	0	.284
Grandal dh	3	1	1	1	1	.281
1-Colas pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Zavala c	4	0	0	0	1	.250
Gonzalez 2b	2	0	0	0	2	.115
a-Sheets ph	1	1	1	1	0	.333
Sosa 2b	1	0	0	0	1	.161
TOTALS	**35**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**15**	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz 1b	4	2	3	0	0	.310
Paredes 1b	1	0	0	0	0	.215
Franco ss	4	0	1	0	1	.288
Arozarena lf	5	1	3	4	1	.350
B.Lowe 2b	4	0	0	0	3	.271
Ramirez dh	4	0	2	0	2	.382
Walls 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.333
J.Lowe rf	4	0	0	0	0	.345
Margot cf	4	0	0	0	1	.200
Mejia c	4	0	0	0	2	.242
2-Brujan pr	0	1	0	0	0	.250
TOTALS	**36**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**11**	

		R	H	E
Chicago	**010 010 010 0**	**3**	**5**	**1**
Tampa Bay	**200 010 000 1**	**4**	**9**	**0**

One out when winning run scored. a-homered for Gonzalez in the 8th. 1-ran for Grandal in the 10th. 2-ran for Mejia in the 10th. **E:** Middleton (1). **LOB:** Chicago 5, Tampa Bay 8. 3B: Ramirez (1). HR: Jimenez (2), off McClanahan; Grandal (2), off McClanahan; Sheets (2), off Adam; Arozarena (5), off Cease. **RBIs:** Jimenez (6), Grandal (7), Sheets (7), Arozarena 4(22). SB: Walls (2). CS: Franco (3)..

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cease	4	6	3	3	1	5	2.73
Middleton	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.69
Santos	2	1	0	0	0	1	2.45
Graveman	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.15
Lopez	1	0	0	0	0	1	8.38
Lambert, L, 1-1	⅓	1	1	0	1	0	3.27

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
McClanahan	6	3	2	2	1	10	1.86
Poche, H, 3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.23
Adam, BS, 0-1	1	1	1	1	0	2	2.45
Fairbanks	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
Cleavinger, W, 1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.04

Inherited runners-scored: Middleton 2-1. IBB: off Lambert (Franco). **HBP:** Cease (Walls). **Umpires:** Home, Bruce Dreckman; First, Stu Scheuwater; Second, Malachi Moore; Third, Mark Wegner. T: 2:53. **A:** 22,333(25,025).

BALTIMORE 5, DETROIT 1

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Maton 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.131
Baez ss	4	0	1	0	2	.203
Greene cf	3	0	0	0	2	.237
Carpenter rf	2	0	0	0	1	.231
a-Schoop ph	1	0	0	0	0	.179
Torkelson 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.222
McKinstry 2b	3	1	1	1	1	.250
b-Vierling ph	1	0	0	0	0	.218
Baddoo lf	2	0	0	0	2	.226
Nevin dh	3	0	0	0	2	.077
Haase c	3	0	0	0	2	.234
TOTALS	**29**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**15**	

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hays lf	3	0	0	0	2	.311
Rutschman dh	3	1	2	1	0	.307
Mountcastle 1b	4	1	1	0	2	.212
Santander rf	3	1	0	0	2	.200
McKenna rf	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Urias 3b	3	0	1	3	2	.240
Vavra 3b	1	0	0	0	0	.182
Frazier 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.213
McCann c	3	1	1	1	0	.167
Henderson ss	3	1	1	0	1	.193
Mullins cf	3	0	0	0	0	.250
TOTALS	**30**	**5**	**6**	**5**	**10**	

		R	H	E
Detroit	**000 000 100**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Baltimore	**004 100 00x**	**5**	**6**	**0**

a-popped out for Carpenter in the 9th. b-lined out for McKinstry in the 9th. **LOB:** Detroit 5, Baltimore 4. **2B:** Urias (4). HR: McKinstry (2), off Gibson; McCann (1), off Wentz. **RBIs:** McKinstry (4), Rutschman (15), Urias 3(7), McCann (2). SB: Baez (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Detroit 2(McKinstry 2); Baltimore 1(Frazier). **RISP:** Detroit 0 for 2; Baltimore 2for 4.

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wentz, L, 0-3	4	6	5	5	2	4	7.56
Vest	2	0	0	0	0	4	0.00
Alexander	2	0	0	0	1	2	5.40

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gibson, W, 4-0	6⅓	2	1	1	3	11	3.60
Cano	1⅔	0	0	0	0	3	0.00
Coulombe	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.12

WP: Wentz. **Umpires:** Home, Vic Carapazza; First, Nick Mahrley; Second, Adam Hamari; Third, Brock Ballou. T: 2:15. **A:** 12,194(45,971).

PHILADELPHIA 4, COLORADO 3

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Blackmon rf	3	1	0	0	0	.271
Profar lf	5	0	1	1	2	.194
Bryant dh	1	0	0	0	1	.288
Montero ph-dh	1	0	0	0	1	.255
Moustks ph-dh	1	0	0	1	0	.172
Cron 1b	4	0	2	0	2	.257
Diaz c	4	0	2	0	2	.333
Serven pr-c	0	0	0	0	0	.214
McMahon 3b	4	1	0	0	2	.237
Daza cf	4	0	2	1	0	.264
Trejo 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.250
Tovar ss	3	0	0	0	1	.172
Castro ph	1	0	0	0	0	.171
TOTALS	**35**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**11**	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Turner ss	4	0	0	0	2	.295
Bohm 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.305
Schwarber dh	4	0	0	0	2	.205
Castellanos rf	4	2	3	2	0	.310
Realmuto c	4	0	0	0	0	.257
Sosa 3b	3	0	0	0	3	.316
Harrison 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.231
Marsh cf	2	1	1	0	0	.359
Pache lf	3	1	2	2	1	.300
TOTALS	**31**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**10**	

		R	H	E
Colorado	**001 110 000**	**3**	**8**	**1**
Philadelphia	**012 001 00x**	**4**	**7**	**1**

E: Trejo (2), Bohm (3). **LOB:** Colorado 8, Philadelphia 4. **2B:** Cron (3), Daza (6), Bohm (3), Castellanos (10). 3B: Marsh (4). HR: Castellanos 2(2), off Freeland; Pache (1), off Freeland. **RBIs:** Profar (6), Daza (6), Moustakas (7), Castellanos 2(13), Pache 2(3). SF: Moustakas. **Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 6(Cron, Montero, Tovar, Trejo 2, Daza); Philadelphia 3(Turner, Bohm, Realmuto). **RISP:** Colorado 0for 10; Philadelphia 0for 5. **Runners moved up:** McMahon, Profar.

COLORADO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Freeland, L, 2-2	6	5	4	4	1	6	4.28
Bard	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Bird	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.61

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sanchez	4⅓	5	3	3	2	5	6.23
Brogdon, W, 1-0	1⅔	1	0	0	0	2	2.45
Soto, H, 4	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.86
Dominguez, H, 2	1	2	0	0	0	2	8.31
Kimbrel, S, 2-2	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.00

Inherited runners-scored: Brogdon 2-1. **WP:** Sanchez. **Umpires:** Home, Tony Randazzo; First, Todd Tichenor; Second, Brian Knight; Third, Alex Tosi. T: 2:26. **A:** 41,939(42,901).

MILWAUKEE 5, BOSTON 4

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Verdugo rf	4	0	0	0	0	.326
Turner 1b	4	1	2	0	0	.272
Refsnyder lf	1	0	0	0	0	.214
Duran ph-lf-cf	2	0	0	0	2	.368
Devers 3b	4	1	2	2	1	.264
Hernandz cf-2b	4	0	0	0	1	.221
Yoshida dh	4	0	2	0	1	.213
Arroyo 2b	2	1	1	0	0	.189
Tapia ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	.182
Wong c	2	0	0	0	1	.167
McGuire ph-c	2	0	0	0	0	.361
Chang ss	3	1	1	2	1	.111
TOTALS	**34**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**7**	

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Yelich lf	4	2	2	1	0	.247
Winker dh	3	0	0	0	0	.227
Adames ss	4	0	3	0	0	.278
Tellez 1b	4	1	1	2	0	.242
Contreras c	4	1	1	0	0	.311
Anderson 3b	3	0	1	1	1	.264
Turang 2b	3	0	0	0	2	.250
Wiemer cf	3	0	0	0	0	.197
Perkins rf	3	1	1	0	1	.333
TOTALS	**31**	**5**	**9**	**4**	**4**	

		R	H	E
Boston	**000 022 000**	**4**	**8**	**0**
Milwaukee	**012 020 00x**	**5**	**9**	**0**

LOB: Boston 4, Milwaukee 4. **2B:** Devers (7), Turner (5), Contreras (4), Anderson (4), Yelich (3). HR: Chang (3), off Miley; Devers (8), off Payamps; Tellez (7), off Whitlock. **RBIs:** Chang 2(8), Devers 2 (20), Anderson (16), Tellez 2(17), Yelich (9). SB: Yelich (5). **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 4(Hernandez 2, McGuire, Devers); Milwaukee 1(Contreras). **RISP:** Boston 0for 4; Milwaukee 3 for 7.).

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Whitlock, L, 1-2	4	8	5	5	1	1	6.19
Bleier	1	0	0	0	0	0	7.56
Schreiber	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.80
Crawford	2	1	0	0	0	2	3.98

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Miley, W, 3-1	5	4	2	2	1	3	1.96
Payamps, H, 2	1	2	2	2	0	1	4.00
Strzelecki, H, 6	1⅓	1	0	0	0	0	0.90
Milner, H, 3	⅔	0	0	0	0	2	2.70
Williams, S, 3-3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Bleier 3-1, Milner 1-0. **HBP:** Whitlock (Winker). **Umpires:** Home, Doug Eddings; First, Lance Barrett; Second, Charlie Ramos; Third, Alfonso Marquez. T: 2:23. **A:** 31,965(41,700).

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

APRIL 23

1903: The N.Y. Highlanders won their first game as a major league team, 7-2 over the Washington Senators.

1913: New York Giants ace Christy Mathewson beat the Phillies 3-1, throwing just 67 pitches.

1939: Rookie Ted Williams went 4-for-5, including his first major league home run, but the Red Sox lost to Philadelphia 12-8 at Fenway Park.

1946: Ed Head of the Brooklyn Dodgers no-hit the Boston Braves 5-0 at Ebbets Field. Head was making his first start after a year's military service.

1952: Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians and Bob Cain of the St. Louis Browns matched one-hitters. Cain wound up as the winner, 1-0.

1952: Hoyt Wilhelm of the Giants hit a home run at the Polo Grounds in his first major league at-bat. He was the winner, too, and pitched 1,070 games in the majors-- but never hit another homer.

1954: Hank Aaron hit the first home run of his major league career. The drive came against Vic Raschi in the Milwaukee Braves' 7-5 victory over St. Louis.

1962: After an 0-9 start, the expansion New York Mets won their first game beating the Pittsburgh Pirates 9-1 behind Jay Hook.

1964: Ken Johnson of the Houston Colt .45s became the first pitcher to lose a nine-inning no-hitter when Pete Rose scored an unearned run to give the Cincinnati Reds a 1-0 victory.

1978: Joe Morgan of the Cincinnati Reds makes an error at second base, bringing his major league record of 91 consecutive errorless games to an end.

1989: Nolan Ryan came within two outs of his sixth career no-hitter, losing it when Nelson Liriano tripled in the ninth inning as the Texas Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-1. Ryan finished with his 10th lifetime one-hitter.

1990: Steve Lyons of the Chicago White Sox plays all nine positions during an exhibition game against the Chicago Cubs.

1999: Fernando Tatis of St. Louis became the first in major league history to hit two grand slams in one inning in a 12-5 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers. Tatis also set the record with eight RBIs in one inning.

2008: The Chicago Cubs won their 10,000th game, joining the Giants as the only franchise to reach that mark with a 7-6 10-inning victory at Colorado.

2009: Ichiro Suzuki lined James Shields' second pitch of the game for a home run, the only run of Seattle's 1-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. It was the 22nd time a leadoff homer was the deciding run in a game, and it was just the second time it happened for the Mariners.

2012: Ivan Rodriguez, who has caught more games than anyone in big league history, announces his retirement after a 21-year career.

2013: B.J. Upton and his brother Justin hit back-to-back homers for the first time, leading the Atlanta Braves past the Colorado Rockies 10-2 to complete a doubleheader sweep. It was the 27th time in major league history that brothers homered in the same game, but only the second time they went deep in consecutive at-bats. Lloyd and Paul Waner of the Pittsburgh Pirates also accomplished the feat on Sept. 15, 1938.

2022: Miguel Cabrera of the Tigers becomes the 33rd member of the 3,000 hit club.

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

INTERLEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	**PITCHERS**	**TIME**	**W-L**	**ERA**	**REC**	**W-L**	**IP**	**ERA**	**W-L**	**IP**	**ERA**
Hou	Javier (R)		2-0	3.68	3-1	0-0	6.0	1.50	2-0	17.0	3.18
Atl	Fried (L)	12:30p	1-0	1.08	2-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	13.1	1.35
Mia	Luzardo (L)		2-0	2.74	4-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	17.1	3.63
Cle	Allen (L)	12:40p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Bos	Bello (R)		0-1	16.88	0-1	0-1	4.1	4.15	0-3	12.2	7.11
Mil	Burnes (R)	1:10p	2-1	4.76	3-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	17.2	4.08
Was	Corbin (L)		1-2	6.30	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	17.0	6.35
Min	Gray (R)	1:10p	2-0	0.82	3-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	17.0	1.06
StL	Flaherty (R)		1-2	2.95	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	16.1	3.86
Sea	Flexen (R)	3:10p	0-3	7.79	0-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-3	13.1	9.45

AMERICAN LEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	**PITCHERS**	**TIME**	**W-L**	**ERA**	**REC**	**W-L**	**IP**	**ERA**	**W-L**	**IP**	**ERA**
Det	Boyd (L)		0-1	4.50	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	14.0	4.50
Bal	Rodriguez (R)	12:35p	0-0	6.91	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	14.1	6.91
Tor	Gausman (R)		1-2	3.65	2-2	1-1	19.0	1.89	1-1	18.2	4.82
NYY	Schmidt (R)	12:35p	0-1	8.79	1-3	0-1	1.2	0.00	0-1	11.0	9.00
ChW	Giolito (R)		1-1	4.29	1-3	1-0	6.0	3.00	1-1	16.0	4.50
TB	Eflin (R)	12:40p	2-0	3.27	2-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	16.0	3.38
Oak	Muller (L)		0-1	7.23	1-3	0-1	2.2	23.62	0-1	13.2	9.22
Tex	deGrom (R)	1:35p	1-0	3.48	4-0	0-1	4.0	11.25	1-0	17.0	1.59
KC	Lyles (R)		0-3	4.62	0-4	1-0	6.0	1.50	0-2	20.0	4.50
LAA	Detmers (L)	3:07p	0-1	4.50	1-2	0-0	5.0	9.00	0-1	16.0	4.50

NATIONAL LEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	**PITCHERS**	**TIME**	**W-L**	**ERA**	**REC**	**W-L**	**IP**	**ERA**	**W-L**	**IP**	**ERA**
Col	Urena (R)		0-3	9.82	0-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	12.1	8.76
Phi	Wheeler (R)	11:05a	1-1	4.79	2-2	1-0	6.0	0.00	1-0	16.1	3.86
Cin	Greene (R)		0-0	4.24	1-3	0-0	3.1	8.10	0-0	13.2	3.29
Pit	Velasquez (R)	12:35p	2-2	5.12	2-2	0-1	4.2	5.79	2-1	14.2	4.91
LAD	Kershaw (L)		3-1	2.52	3-1	2-0	14.2	0.61	2-1	19.0	2.84
ChC	Stroman (R)	1:20p	2-1	0.75	3-1	0-0	4.0	0.00	1-1	18.0	1.00
SD	Darvish (R)		0-2	3.44	0-3	0-0	5.0	1.80	0-2	18.1	3.44
Ari	Jameson (R)	3:10p	2-0	2.25	2-0	0-0	2.0	4.50	1-0	13.2	2.63
NYM	Megill (R)		3-1	3.00	3-1	0-0	6.0	6.00	2-1	16.0	2.81
SF	Stripling (R)	6:08p	0-1	7.30	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	16.0	2.81

TEAM REC: Team's Record in games started by today's pitcher.
VS OPP: Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

N.Y. Yankees 3, Toronto 2
Washington 10, Minnesota 4
Tampa Bay 4, Chicago White Sox 3(10)
Baltimore 5, Detroit 1
Texas 18, Oakland 3
Milwaukee 5, Boston 4
Houston 6, Atlanta 3
G1: Miami 6, Cleveland 1
G2: Miami 3, Cleveland 2
Kansas City at L.A. Angels, late
St. Louis at Seattle, late

MONDAY'S GAMES

Colorado at Cleveland, 5:10p.m.
Boston at Baltimore, 5:35p.m.
Houston at Tampa Bay, 5:40p.m.
Texas at Cincinnati, 5:40p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Toronto, 6:07p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 6:40p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 6:40p.m.
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 8:38p.m.
Kansas City at Arizona, 8:40p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 10, Minnesota 4
L.A. Dodgers 9, Chicago Cubs 4
Philadelphia 4, Colorado 3
San Francisco 7, N.Y. Mets 4
Pittsburgh 2, Cincinnati 1
Milwaukee 5, Boston 4
Houston 6, Atlanta 3
G1: Miami 6, Cleveland 1
G2: Miami 3, Cleveland 2
San Diego 5, Arizona 3
St. Louis at Seattle, late

MONDAY'S GAMES

Colorado at Cleveland, 5:10p.m.
Texas at Cincinnati, 5:40p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 6:20p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 6:40p.m.
Kansas City at Arizona, 8:40p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 8:45p.m.

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Pirates:** Manager Derek Shelton's contract was extended by the Pirates. Shelton's contract was set to expire after this season. The Pirates announced the new deal Saturday but did not specify a length. "It shows what we're doing and how we're doing it is working," Shelton said. ... Ke'Bryan Hayes hit a key triple and Rich Hill got through five innings for the win as the streaking Pirates extended their winning streak to six games Saturday night with a 2-1 victory over the Reds. The Pirates raised their record to 15-7 for their best start since 1992, the last time they won a division title. It is also the Pirates' longest winning streak since an 11-game run in 2018.

■ **Marlins:** Marins ace Sandy Alcantara was scratched from his scheduled start Saturday at Cleveland with biceps tendinitis, but the team said he is not expected to be placed on the injured list. The reigning NL Cy Young Award winner is sidelined with what the team called "very mild" tendinitis. Alcantara was pushed back to start in the series at Atlanta that begins Monday. Alcantara is 1-2 with a 5.84 ERA in four starts and had been lined up to possibly face Guardians' Shane Bieber, the 2020 AL Cy Young Award winner.

■ **Giants:** Opening day starter Logan Webb stopped his four-game losing streak, holding the Mets hot offense to two runs in seven innings and leading the Giants over the Mets 7-4 on Saturday. Webb (1-4) struck out eight and walked one for his first win since signing a $90 million, five-year contract for 2024-28, a deal announced April 14. The Giants avoided losing 14 of its first 20 games, which would match the worst opening in team history.

■ **Rays:** Rays left-hander Jeffrey Springs will have season-ending Tommy John surgery on Monday. Rays manager Kevin Cash made the announcement before Saturday's game against the White Sox. Springs was moved from the 15- to the 60-day injured list. Rangers team physician Dr. Keith Meister, who specializes in the elbow ligament replacement procedure, will operate. "Devastating, honestly," Springs said. "It's kind of hard to believe that my season is already over." The 30-year-old Springs went 2-0 with an 0.56 ERA during the Rays' 13-0 start.

■ **Yankees:** Gerrit Cole and Alek Manaoh pitched scoreless ball after a chirpy buildup, and the Yankees beat the Blue Jays 3-2 Saturday on pinch-hitter DJ LeMahieu's walkoff bases-loaded single in the ninth inning. Rookie Anthony Volpe hit a two-run homer in the eighth off Yimi García and pinch-hitter Danny Jansen hit a two-run homer in the ninth against Wandy Peralta after a leadoff walk to Alejandro Kirk.Even before the first pitch there was intrigue. Just as Cole was about to start the game, he was forced to wait, crouching behind the mound as Manoah and Kirk slowly walked from the Blue Jays bullpen down the left-field line to the dugout.

■ **Padres:** Fernando Tatis Jr. hit his first homer since returning from an 80-game drug suspension, driving a fastball into the left-center stands to give the Padres a 1-0 lead against the Diamondbacks on Saturday. It was Tatis' first homer since 2021. The 24-year-old missed all of last season, first because of a broken left wrist. When he was about to return, he was hit with his 80-game suspension for a positive test for a performance-enhancing substance Clostebol.

SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
x-If necessary; best-of-7
EAST CONFERENCE
#8 Miami 2, #1 Milwaukee 1
April 16: G1 Miami 130-117.
April 19: G2 at Milwaukee 138-122.
Saturday: G3 at Miami 121-99.
Sunday: G4 at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: G5 at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at Miami, TBD
x-Arpil 30: G7 at Milwaukee, TBD

#2 Boston 2, #7 Atlanta 1
April 15: at Boston 112-91
April 18: G2 at Boston 119-106
April 21: G3 at Atlanta 130-122.
Sunday: G4 at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: G5 at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
x-Thursday: G6 at Atlanta, TBD
x-April 29: G7 at Boston, TBD

#3 Philadelphia 4, #6 Brooklyn 0
April 15: at Philadelphia, 121-101
April 17: G2 at Philadelphia 96-84.
April 20: G3 Philadelphia 102-97.
Saturday: G4 Philadelphia 96-88.

#5 New York 2, #4 Cleveland 1
April 15: G1 New York 101-97
April 18: G2 at Cleveland 107-90.
April 21: G3 at New York 99-79.
Sunday: G4 at New York, noon
Wednesday: G5 at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at New York, TBD
x-April 30: G7 at Cleveland, TBD

EAST SEMIFINALS
#3Philadelphia vs.
#2Boston/#7Atlanta, TBA

WEST CONFERENCE
#1 Denver 3, #8 Minnesota 0
April 16: G1 at Denver 109-80.
April 19: G2 at Denver 122-113.
April 21: G3 Denver 120-111.
Sunday: G4 at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday: G5 at Denver, TBD
x-Thursday: G6 at Minnesota, TBD
x-April 29: G7 at Denver, TBD

#2 Memphis 1, #7 L.A. Lakers 1
April 16: G1 L.A. Lakers 128-112.
April 19: G2 at Memphis 103-93.
Saturday: G3 at Los Angeles, late
Monday: G4 at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Wednesday: G5 at Memphis, 6:30 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at Los Angeles, TBD
x-April 30: G7 at Memphis, TBD

#3 Sacramento 2, #6 Golden State 1
April 15: G1 at Sacramento 126-123
April 17: G2 at Sacramento, 114-106
April 20: G3 at Golden State 114-97.
Sunday: G4 at Golden State, 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday: G5 at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at Golden State, TBD
x-April 30: G7 at Sacramento, TBD

#4 Phoenix 3, #5 LA Clippers 1
April 16: G1 L.A. Clippers 115-110.
April 18: G2 at Phoenix 123-109.
April 20: G3 Phoenix 129-124.
Saturday: G4 Phoenix 112-100.
Tuesday: G5 at Phoenix, TBD
x-Thursday: G6 at Los Angeles, TBD
x-April 29: G7 at Phoenix, TBD

NBA PLAYOFF LEADERS
Through Friday

SCORING AVERAGE	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Booker, PHO	3	42	18	109	36.3
Edwards, MIN	3	30	25	95	31.7
Curry, GS	3	32	15	94	31.3
Butler, MIA	2	23	12	60	30.0
Fox, SAC	3	32	15	88	29.3
Tatum, BOS	3	31	9	83	27.7
Murray, DEN	3	29	13	82	27.3
Durant, PHO	3	25	26	80	26.7
Murray, ATL	3	32	5	78	26.0
Bridges, BKN	3	27	15	77	25.7
Mitchell, CLE	3	29	9	77	25.7
Hachimura, LAL	2	18	6	49	24.5
Jackson, MEM	2	18	10	49	24.5
James, LAL	2	20	5	49	24.5
Middleton, MIL	2	18	9	49	24.5
Young, ATL	3	26	15	72	24.0
Maxey, PHI	3	26	5	71	23.7

XFL FOOTBALL

NORTH	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
y-DC	9	1	.900	298	240
St. Louis	7	3	.700	249	202
Seattle	6	3	.667	215	168
Vegas	2	7	.222	175	224
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Houston	6	3	.667	222	173
x-Arlington	4	5	.444	137	169
San Antonio	3	6	.333	169	182
Orlando	1	9	.100	204	310

y-clinched division an home field
x-clinched playoff berth

WEEK 10
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
St. Louis 53, Orlando 28
DC 29, San Antonio 28

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Houston at Arlington, 2p.m.
Vegas at Seattle, 6p.m.

April 29-30, Playoff semifinals

USFL FOOTBALL

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Michigan	1	0	0	1.000	29	13
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	27	23
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	15	22
New Jersey	0	1	0	.000	10	27
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Birmingham	2	0	0	1.000	69	12
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	60	46
Houston	0	2	0	.000	44	67
Memphis	0	2	0	.000	25	69

WEEK 2
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
New Orleans 38, Houston 31
Birmingham 42, Memphis 2

SUNDAY'S GAMES
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, noon
Michigan vs Philadelphia
in Canton, Ohio, 6p.m.

WEEK 3
SATURDAY, APRIL 29
New Orleans at Birmingham, 11:30a.m.
Memphis at Houston, 6p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 30
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 11a.m.
New Jersey at Michigan, 3p.m.

WEEK 4
SATURDAY, MAY 6
Houston at Philadelphia, 11:30a.m.
Memphis at Michigan, 6p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 7
New Orleans at New Jersey, 2p.m.
Birmingham at Pittsburgh, 5:30p.m.

ODDS

NBAPLAYOFFS **SUNDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at New York	2½	(206½)	Cleveland
at Golden State	7½	(238)	Sacramento
Boston	6	(232)	at Atlanta
Denver	3½	(225)	at Minnesota

NHL PLAYOFFS **SUNDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at NY Islanders	-120	Carolina	+100
Boston	-152	at Florida	+126
at Minnesota	-120	Dallas	+100
Edmonton	-160	at Los Angeles	+132

MLB **SUNDAY**
American League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Baltimore	-166	Detroit	+140
Toronto	-134	at NY Yankees	+114
at Tampa Bay	off	Chi. White Sox	off
at Texas	-310	Oakland	+250
at LA Angels	-178	Kansas City	+150

National League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Philadelphia	-290	Colorado	+235
Cincinnati	off	at Pittsburgh	off
at Chicago Cubs	off	LA Dodgers	off
San Diego	-142	at Arizona	+120
NY Mets	-118	at San Fran.	+100

Interleague

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Atlanta	-148	Houston	+126
Miami	-115	at Cleveland	-105
at Minnesota	off	Washington	off
at Milwaukee	-172	Boston	+144
St. Louis	-118	at Seattle	+100

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

NHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Boston 2, Florida 1
April 17: G1 at Boston 3-1.
April 19: G2 Florida 6-3.
April 21: G3 Boston 4-2.
Sunday: G4 at Florida, 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday: G5 at Boston, 6 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at Florida, TBA
x-April 30: G7 at Boston, TBA

Carolina 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
April 17: G1 at Carolina 2-1.
April 19: G2 at Carolina 4-3 (OT).
April 21: G3 at N.Y. Islanders 5-1.
Sunday: G4 at N.Y. Islanders, noon
Tuesday: G5 at Carolina, 6 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at N.Y. Islanders, TBA
x-April 30: G7 at Carolina, TBA

N.Y. Rangers 2, New Jersey 1
April 18: G1 at N.Y. Rangers 5-1.
April 20: G2 N.Y. Rangers 5-1.
Saturday: G3 New Jersey 2-1 (OT).
Monday: G4 at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Thursday: G5 at New Jersey, TBA
x-April 29: G6 at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
x-May 1: G7 at New Jersey, TBA

Toronto 2, Tampa Bay 1
April 18: G1 at Toronto, 7-3.
April 20: G2 at Toronto 7-2.
Saturday: G3 Toronto 4-3 (OT)
Monday: G4 at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
x-Thursday: G5 at Toronto, TBA
x-April 29: G6 at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-May 1: G7 at Toronto, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Los Angeles 2, Edmonton 1
April 17: G1 Los Angeles 4-3 (OT)
April 19: G2 at Edmonton 4-2.
April 21: G3 Los Angeles 3-2 (OT)
Sunday: G4 at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: G5 at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
x-April 29: G6 at Los Angeles, TBA
x-May 1: G7 at Edmonton, TBA

Vegas 2, Winnipeg 1
April 18: G1 Winnipeg 5-1.
April 20: G2 at Vegas 5-2.
Saturday: G3 Vegas 5-4 (2OT).
Monday: G4 at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday: G5 at Vegas, TBA
x-April 29: G6 at Winnipeg, TBA
x-May 1: G7 at Vegas, TBA

Minnesota 2, Dallas 1
April 17: G1 Minnesota 3-2 (2OT)
April 19: G2 at Dallas 7-3.
April 21: G3 at Minnesota 5-1.
Sunday: G4 at Minnesota, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday: G5 at Dallas, 7 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at Minnesota, TBA
x-April 30: G7 at Dallas, TBA

Seattle 1, Colorado 1
April 18: G1 Seattle 3-1.
April 20: G2 at Colorado 3-2.
Saturday: G3 at Seattle, late
Monday: G4 at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Wednesday: G5 at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at Seattle, TBA
x-April 30: G7 at Colorado, TBA

TENNIS

ATP BMW OPEN
Saturday at MTTC Iphitos, Munich, Red clay, outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#1Holger Rune d.
Christopher O'Connell, 6-3, 6-2.
#4Botic Van de Zandschulp d.
#2Taylor Fritz, 6-4, 7-6(2).

ATP BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL
Saturday at Real Club de Tenis Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, Surface: Red clay, outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#1Carlos Alcaraz d.
#12Daniel Evans, 6-2, 6-2.
#2Stefanos Tsitsipas d.
#9Lorenzo Musetti, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.

ATP BANJA LUKA OPEN
Saturday at Tenis Klub Mladost, Banja Luka, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#2Andrey Rublev d.
Alex Molcan, 6-2, 6-4.
Dusan Lajovic d.
#4Miomir Kecmanovic, 4-6, 7-6(5), 6-4.

WTA PORSCHE GRAND PRIX
Saturday at Porsche Arena, Stuttgart, Germany, Red clay indoor
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#1Iga Swiatek d.
#3Ons Jabeur, 3-0, retired.
#2 Aryna Sabalenka d.
Anastasia Potapova, 6-1, 6-2.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES GEICO 500 LINEUP
After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday At Talladega Superspeedway; Talladega, Ala.; Lap length: 2.66 miles
(Car number in parentheses)
1. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 180.751 mph.
2. (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 180.642.
3. (54) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 180.594.
4. (14) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 180.390.
5. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 180.258.
6. (20) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 179.848.
7. (19) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 179.726.
8. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 179.666.
9. (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 179.656.
10. (17) Chris Buescher, Ford, 179.652.
11. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 179.141.
12. (23) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 179.091.
13. (45) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 179.004.
14. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 179.001.
15. (2) Austin Cindric, Ford, 178.994.
16. (41) Ryan Preece, Ford, 178.961.
17. (8) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 178.830.
18. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 178.793.
19. (16) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 178.763.
20. (6) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 178.620.
21. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 178.560.
22. (99) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, 178.487.
23. (1) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 178.420.
24. (43) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 178.347.
25. (21) Harrison Burton, Ford, 178.341.
26. (31) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 178.175.
27. (48) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 178.158.
28. (36) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 177.831.
29. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 177.748.
30. (42) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, 177.656.
31. (62) Austin Hill, Chevrolet, 177.422.
32. (77) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 177.225.
33. (47) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 177.205.
34. (7) Corey Lajoie, Chevrolet, 177.140.
35. (38) Zane Smith, Ford, 177.127.
36. (15) Riley Herbst, Ford, 176.986.
37. (78) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 176.363.
38. (51) JJ Yeley, Ford, 175.952.

DRIVER POINTS	ST	W	T5	T10	PT
Christopher Bell	9	1	5	6	302
Ross Chastain	9	0	3	4	297
Kevin Harvick	9	0	3	5	287
Kyle Larson	9	2	4	4	285

HORSE RACING

ROAD TO DERBY

POINT STANDINGS

RK	HORSE	PT	WAGERS
1	Forte	190	$2,359,730
2	Practical Move	160	$822,000
3	Angel of Empire	154	$1,026,375
4	Tapit Trice	150	$783,500
5	Two Phil's	123	$643,850
6	Lord Miles	105	$427,100
7	Derma Sotogake (JPN)	100	$1,112,319
8	Kingsbarns	100	$600,000
9	Raise Cain	64	$204,750
10	Rocket Can	60	$284,025
11	Hit Show	60	$277,500
12	Confidence Game	57	$610,480
13	Verifying	54	$369,750
14	Sun Thunder	54	$181,500
15	Wild On Ice	50	$366,400
16	Mage	50	$205,200
17	Blazing Sevens	46	$507,500
18	Disarm	46	$237,500
19	Reincarnate	45	$263,250
20	Continuar (JPN)	Invite	$289,954

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
New England	6	1	2	20	15	8
Cincinnati	6	1	2	20	12	10
Atlanta	4	1	3	15	16	12
New York City FC	4	2	3	15	12	10
Columbus	4	3	2	14	18	10
Nashville	3	3	3	12	8	5
Philadelphia	3	4	2	11	14	13
D.C. United	3	4	2	11	11	13
Orlando City	3	3	2	11	8	10
Chicago	2	1	4	10	11	10
Charlotte FC	2	4	3	9	10	16
Toronto FC	1	2	6	9	12	13
New York	1	3	5	8	6	9
Inter Miami CF	2	6	0	6	6	9
CF Montréal	2	6	0	6	5	17
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Saint Louis City SC	6	2	0	18	20	9
Los Angeles FC	5	0	3	18	16	6
Seattle	5	2	1	16	16	7
San Jose	4	2	2	14	10	8
FC Dallas	4	3	2	14	12	11
Houston	4	3	1	13	10	8
Minnesota United	3	2	2	11	8	7
Vancouver	2	2	4	10	11	7
Portland	2	5	2	8	11	15
Austin FC	2	3	2	8	6	10
Colorado	1	3	4	7	5	10
Real Salt Lake	2	5	0	6	7	16
LA Galaxy	0	4	3	3	5	12
Sporting KC	0	6	3	3	3	13

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Charlotte FC 1, Columbus 0
Cincinnati 2, Portland 1
CF Montréal 2, New York 0
New England 2, Sporting KC 1
New York City FC 3, FC Dallas 1
D.C. United 3, Orlando City 1
Philadelphia 4, Toronto FC 2
Houston 1, Miami 0
Los Angeles FC 1, Nashville 1
Saint Louis City SC at Colorado, late
San Jose at Real Salt Lake, late
Austin FC at LA Galaxy, late
Minnesota at Seattle, late

SUNDAY'S MATCH
Chicago at Atlanta, 3:30p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
Atlanta at Nashville, 12:30p.m.
Miami at Columbus, 6:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at D.C. United, 6:30p.m.
Cincinnati at New England, 6:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at Orlando City, 6:30p.m.
New York City FC at Toronto FC, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Austin FC, 7:30p.m.
New York at Chicago, 7:30p.m.
CF Montréal at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
Portland at St. Louis City SC, 7:30p.m.
Seattle at Real Salt Lake, 8:30p.m.
Houston at Los Angeles FC, 9:30p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
FC Dallas at Minnesota, 8p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
OL Reign	3	1	0	9	8	3
Washington	2	0	2	8	5	3
Portland	2	0	1	7	9	2
San Diego	2	1	0	6	6	4
Gotham FC	2	1	0	6	4	3
Houston	1	0	3	6	3	2
Angel City	1	1	1	4	5	5
Louisville	0	0	3	3	4	4
North Carolina	1	2	0	3	3	5
Chicago	1	3	0	3	9	12
Kansas City	0	3	0	0	3	9
Orlando	0	3	0	0	1	8

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
OL Reign 5, Chicago 2
Houston 0, Washington 0
North Carolina at Gotham FC, late
Louisville at Portland, late

SUNDAY, APRIL 23
Orlando at Kansas City, late
San Diego at Angel City, late

FRIDAY, APRIL 28
North Carolina at Houston, 7:30p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Arsenal	32	23	6	3	77	34	75
Man City	30	22	4	4	78	28	70
Man United	30	18	5	7	46	37	59
Newcastle	30	15	11	4	48	24	56
Tottenham	31	16	5	10	57	45	53
Aston Villa	32	15	6	11	45	41	51
Liverpool	31	14	8	9	59	38	50
Brighton	29	14	7	8	54	37	49
Fulham	31	13	6	12	44	42	45
Brentford	32	10	14	8	48	43	44
Chelsea	31	10	9	12	30	33	39
Crystal Palace	32	9	10	13	31	40	37
Wolverhampton	32	9	7	16	27	44	34
Bournemouth	31	9	6	16	31	59	33
West Ham	30	8	7	15	29	41	31
Leeds	32	7	8	17	41	62	29
Leicester	32	8	4	20	43	56	28
Everton	32	6	10	16	24	46	28
Notting. Forest	32	6	9	17	26	59	27
Southampton	32	6	6	20	27	56	24

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Fulham 2, Leeds 1
Brentford 1, Aston Villa 1
Crystal Palace 0, Everton 0
Leicester 2, Wolverhampton 1
Liverpool 3, Notting. Forest 2
Man United vs. Chelsea, ppd

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Bournemouth vs. West Ham, 8a.m.
Newcastle vs. Tottenham, 8a.m.
Brighton vs. Man City, 10:30a.m. ppd

TUESDAY'S MATCHES
Wolverhamptn vs. Crystal Palace, 1:30 p.m.
Aston Villa vs. Fulham, 1:45p.m.
Leeds vs. Leicester, 2p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26
Nottingham vs. Brighton, 1:30p.m.
West Ham vs. Liverpool, 1:45p.m.
Chelsea vs. Brentford, 1:45p.m.
Man City vs. Arsenal, 2p.m.

THURSDAY'S MATCHES
Everton vs. Newcastle, 1:45p.m.
Southampton vs. Bournemouth, 1:45 p.m.
Tottenham vs. Man United, 2:15p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
Crystal Palace vs. West Ham, 6:30a.m.
Brentford vs. Nottingham, 9a.m.
Brighton vs. Wolverhampton, 9a.m.
Arsenal vs. Chelsea, 11:30a.m. ppd

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
Bournemouth vs. Leeds, 8a.m.
Fulham vs. Man City, 8a.m.
Man United vs. Aston Villa, 8a.m.
Newcastle vs. Southampton, 8a.m.
Liverpool vs. Tottenham, 10:30a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 1
Leicester vs. Everton, 2p.m.
TUESDAY, MAY 2

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
SEMIFINALS
First leg, May 9 , May 10
AC Milan vs. Inter Milan, 2p.m.
Real Madrid vs. Manchester City, 2p.m.
Second leg, May 16, May 17
Inter Milan winner vs. AC Milan, 2p.m.
Manchester City vs. Real Madrid, 2p.m.

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE (2-1-2)
Jan. 25: Serbia 2, U.S. 1
Jan. 28: U.S. 0, Colombia 0
n-March 24: U.S. 7, Grenada 1
n-March 27: U.S. 1, El Salvador 0
April 19: U.S. 1, Mexico 1
n-June 15: vs. Mexico, 9 p.m.
g-June 24: vs. Jamaica, 8:30 p.m.
g-June 28: vs. TBD, 8:30 p.m.
g-July 2: vs. Nicaragua, 6 p.m.
n-Nations League; g-Gold Cup

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (6-0-0)
Jan. 17: U.S. 4, New Zealand 0
Jan. 20: U.S. 5, New Zealand 0
s-Feb. 16: U.S. 2, Canada 0
s-Feb. 16: U.S. 1, Japan 0
s-Feb. 19: U.S.2, Brazil 1
April 8: U.S. 2, Ireland 0
April 11: U.S. 1, Ireland 0
July 9: vs. Wales, 3 p.m.
w-July 21: vs. Vietnam, 8 p.m.
w-July 26: vs. Netherlands, 8 p.m.
w-Aug.1: vs. Portugal, 2 a.m
s-SheBelieves Cup; w-FIFA World Cup Australia/New Zealand

GOLF

PGA ZURICH CLASSIC OF NEW ORLEANS
3rd of 4 rounds, TPC Louisiana, New Orleans, 7,425 yards; Par: 72

W.Clark/B.Hossler	61-67-62—190	-26
S.Im/K.Mitchell	62-67-62—191	-25
D.Riley/N.Hardy	64-66-63—193	-23
M.Schwab/V.Norrman	64-67-62—193	-23
T.Moore/M.NeSmith	64-66-63—193	-23
B.Matthews/S.O'Hair	61-69-64—194	-22
C.Ramey/M.Trainer	63-67-65—195	-21
H.English/T.Hoge	64-68-63—195	-21
MFitzpatrick/AFitzpatrick	62-71-62—195	-21
R.Streb/T.Merritt	63-69-64—196	-20
S.Burns/B.Horschel	64-69-63—196	-20
X.Schauffele/P.Cantlay	67-63-66—196	-20
B.An/S.Kim	67-67-63—197	-19
E.Van Rooyen/M.Daffue	64-70-63—197	-19
J.Spaun/H.Buckley	66-66-65—197	-19
K.Kitayama/T.Montgomry	65-67-65—197	-19
N.Taylor/A.Hadwin	66-67-64—197	-19
S.Kim/T.Kim	66-67-64—197	-19
S.Theegala/J.Suh	63-69-65—197	-19
B.Todd/P.Kizzire	64-70-64—198	-18
E.Molinari/L.Donald	64-69-65—198	-18
L.List/H.Norlander	62-69-67—198	-18
T.Olesen/N.Hojgaard	65-67-66—198	-18
B.Wu/J.Bramlett	63-69-67—199	-17
D.Frittelli/M.Schmid	66-68-65—199	-17
J.Dahmen/D.McCarthy	65-67-67—199	-17
M.Kim/S.Noh	62-71-66—199	-17
N.Watney/C.Hoffman	64-69-66—199	-17
S.Ryder/D.Redman	63-66-70—199	-17
T.Pendrith/M.Gligic	64-70-65—199	-17
V.Perez/T.Detry	67-66-66—199	-17
D.Lipsky/A.Rai	62-69-69—200	-16
T.Duncan/H.Lebioda	64-70-67—201	-15
W.Bryan/G.Murray	66-68-67—201	-15
A.Nunez/F.Gomez	67-67-69—203	-13

LPGA CHEVRON CHAMPIONSHIP
3rd of 4 rounds, Nicklaus Course, The Woodlands, Texas, 6,824 yards; Par: 72; a-amateur

Allisen Corpuz	72-67-67—206	-10
Angel Yin	69-70-67—206	-10
Megan Khang	70-67-70—207	-9
Albane Valenzuela	72-67-68—207	-9
Amy Yang	73-69-65—207	-9
Hye Jin Choi	71-70-67—208	-8
A Lim Kim	71-65-72—208	-8
Hyo Joo Kim	70-70-68—208	-8
Nelly Korda	68-70-70—208	-8
Atthaya Thitikul	70-71-68—209	-7
Ashleigh Buhai	71-73-66—210	-6
Lilia Vu	68-69-73—210	-6
Carlota Ciganda	70-72-69—211	-5
Ally Ewing	70-70-71—211	-5
Eun-Hee Ji	70-71-70—211	-5
Xiyu Lin	71-69-71—211	-5
Celine Boutier	73-67-72—212	-4
Marina Alex	68-73-72—213	-3
In Gee Chun	78-66-69—213	-3
Ariya Jutanugarn	71-71-71—213	-3
Cheyenne Knight	71-69-73—213	-3
Jin Young Ko	72-71-70—213	-3
Brooke Henderson	71-67-76—214	-2
Brittany Lincicome	70-73-71—214	-2
Maja Stark	73-70-71—214	-2
Maddie Szeryk	71-73-70—214	-2
Lindsey Weaver-Wright	72-69-73—214	-2
Ruoning Yin	73-71-70—214	-2
Amari Avery	73-69-73—215	-1
Georgia Hall	70-73-72—215	-1
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	72-68-75—215	-1
Gaby Lopez	75-68-72—215	-1
Leona Maguire	76-69-70—215	-1
Hinako Shibuno	72-72-71—215	-1
Patty Tavatanakit	71-67-77—215	-1
Matilda Castren	71-72-73—216	E
Chella Choi	68-73-75—216	E
Amanda Doherty	76-69-71—216	E
Ryann O'Toole	72-71-73—216	E
Linnea Strom	73-69-74—216	E
Pavarisa Yoktuan	75-68-73—216	E

LIV GOLF ADELAIDE
2nd of 3 rounds, The Grange Golf Club, Adelaide, Australia, 6,968 yards, Par: 72
TEAM SCORES
Rangegoats GC: (B.Watson-c, T.Pieters, T.Gooch, H.Varner) -36
Stinger GC: (L.Oosthuizen-c, D.Burmester, C,Schwartzel, B.Grace) -33
4 Aces GC: (D.Johnson-c, P.Uihlein, P.Perez, P.Reed) -29
HyFlyers GC: (P.Mickelson-c, B.Steele, J.Piot, C.Tringale) -26
Fireballs GC: (S.Garcia-c, A.Ancer, E.Lopez-Chacarra, C.Ortiz -23
Crushers GC: (B.DeChambeau-c, C.Howell, A.Lahiri, P.Casey) -23
Torque GC (J.Niemann-c, D.Puig, M.Pereira, S.Munoz) -22
Cleeks GC: (M.Kaymer-c,G.McDowell, R.Bland, B.Wiesberger) -22
Smash GC: (B.Koepka-c, M.Wolf, C.Koepka, J.Kokrak) -19
Iron Heads GC: (K.Na-c, S.Vincent, D.Lee, S.Kim) -18
Majesticks GC: (I.Poulter-c, S.Horsfield, L.Westwood, H.Stenson) -15
Ripper GC: (C.Smith-c, M.Leishman, J.Morgan, M.Jones) -14

Individual leading scores

Talor Gooch	62-62—124	-20
Charl Schwartzel	68-66—134	-10
Pat Perez	67-67—134	-10
Abraham Ancer	69-65—134	-10
Brooks Koepka	69-65—134	-10
Louis Oosthuizen	68-66—134	-10
Cameron Tringale	69-65—134	-10
Dean Burmester	66-69—135	-9
Anirban Lahiri	69-66—135	-9
Cameron Smith	69-66—135	-9
Harold Varner III	71-64—135	-9
Phil Mickelson	70-65—135	-9
Peter Uihlein	68-68—136	-8
Dustin Johnson	71-65—136	-8
Henrik Stenson	68-68—136	-8
Graeme McDowell	67-69—136	-8
Sergio Garcia	68-68—136	-8
Patrick Reed	71-65—136	-8
Richard Bland	66-71—137	-7
David Puig	70-67—137	-7
Kevin Na	68-69—137	-7

PGA CHAMPIONS INVITED CELEBRITY CLASSIC
2nd of 3 rounds, Las Colinas CC, Irving, Texas, 6,703 yards; Par: 71

Alex Cejka	66-64—130	-12
Mark Hensby	66-65—131	-11
Charlie Wi	69-64—133	-9
David Branshaw	68-67—135	-7
Dicky Pride	68-67—135	-7
Stuart Appleby	68-68—136	-6
Cameron Beckman	72-64—136	-6
Chris DiMarco	70-66—136	-6
Jerry Kelly	69-67—136	-6
Scott McCarron	71-65—136	-6
Wes Short	68-68—136	-6
Ken Duke	68-69—137	-5
Retief Goosen	67-70—137	-5
Rob Labritz	66-71—137	-5
Rocco Mediate	70-67—137	-5
Tom Pernice	68-69—137	-5
Kirk Triplett	67-70—137	-5
Steven Alker	69-69—138	-4
Arjun Atwal	70-68—138	-4
Darren Clarke	70-68—138	-4
Bob Estes	68-70—138	-4
Matt Gogel	75-63—138	-4
Richard Green	70-68—138	-4
Ken Tanigawa	68-70—138	-4
Y.E. Yang	68-70—138	-4
Harrison Frazar	68-71—139	-3
Kent Jones	72-67—139	-3
Billy Mayfair	68-71—139	-3
Scott Parel	68-71—139	-3
David Toms	67-72—139	-3
Billy Andrade	71-69—140	-2
David Frost	67-73—140	-2
Justin Leonard	70-70—140	-2

ISPS HANDA - CHAMPIONSHIP
3rd of 4 rounds, Ishioka Golf Club, Omitama, Japan, 7,039 yards, Par: 70

Aaron Cockerill	64-69-64—197	-13
Lucas Herbert	67-63-68—198	-12
David Law	66-68-64—198	-12
Grant Forrest	68-62-69—199	-11
Rikuya Hoshino	66-67-66—199	-11
Takumi Kanaya	66-66-67—199	-11
Rafa Cabrera Bello	67-66-67—200	-10
Jazz Janewattananond	67-63-70—200	-10
Calum Hill	67-67-67—201	-9
Maximilian Kieffer	66-65-70—201	-9
Guido Migliozzi	69-68-64—201	-9
Jordan L. Smith	66-66-69—201	-9
Deon Germishuys	64-68-70—202	-8
Angel Hidalgo	69-68-65—202	-8
Oliver Hundeboll Jorgensen	68-66-68—202	-8
Hiroshi Iwata	68-66-68—202	-8
Hao-Tong Li	70-63-69—202	-8
Robin Sciot-Siegrist	67-67-68—202	-8
Andy Sullivan	63-70-69—202	-8
Jorge Campillo	66-72-65—203	-7
Daniel Hillier	65-69-69—203	-7
Rasmus Hojgaard	66-67-70—203	-7
Daijiro Izumida	67-69-67—203	-7
Richard Mansell	70-65-68—203	-7
Niklas Norgaard Moller	71-63-69—203	-7
Yosuke Asaji	65-70-69—204	-6
Alexander Bjork	64-72-68—204	-6

76ers' Tyrese Maxey gestures after making a 3-point shot during Game 4 in the first-round series against the Nets on Saturday in New York. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

NBA PLAYOFFS

76ers cap off sweep of Nets

Associated Press

All Joel Embiid could give the 76ers on Saturday was encouragement.

The NBA's leading scorer and MVP finalist couldn't play because of a sprained right knee, but still provided a presence for his team.

"It starts with Joel," guard Tyrese Maxey said. "He's the leader of this team and for him, he takes the guys before the game and he told us good luck and we appreciate him for that.

"And we need him to get healthy."

The 76ers bought him plenty of time to do that.

Tobias Harris had 25 points and 12 rebounds, and the 76ers beat the Nets 96-88 to complete a sweep and become the first team to reach the second round of the playoffs.

James Harden added 17 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds for the third-seeded 76ers, who will wait for the winner of the series between the Celtics and Hawks.

The defending Eastern Conference champion Celtics have a 2-1 lead.

By sweeping a seven-game series for the first time since beating the Bucks in 1985, the 76ers ensured that Embiid will have at least a week to recover before they play again.

"Obviously, today was big for us so we can get Big Fella healthy," Harden said. "That's priority No. 1."

The 76ers turned to their defense without him and ended up outscoring the Nets 21-4 during a stretch of more than eight minutes in the third quarter.

Maxey finished a strong series with 16 points and Paul Reed added 10 points and 15 rebounds after replacing Embiid in the starting lineup.

Durant scores 31, Suns beat Clippers for 3-1 lead: Kevin Durant scored 31 points, Devin Booker added 30 and the Suns defeated the Clippers without Kawhi Leonard 112-100 on Saturday to take a commanding 3-1 lead in the first-round playoff series.

The Clippers, who lost Game 3 by five points, again made a strong run with Leonard watching from the bench. He has missed two straight games with a sprained right knee. They're also without Paul George, who hasn't played since March 21 because of the same injury as Leonard.

Russell Westbrook carried the Clippers in the fourth quarter. He had 14 points, including nine in a row when they twice pulled within two points.

Westbrook finished with a game-high 37 points. Norman Powell added 14 points and Terance Mann had 13 off the bench.

Game 5 is Tuesday in Phoenix.

Butler scores 30, Heat top Giannis-less Bucks: Jimmy Butler scored 30 points before leaving with back soreness following a hard fall, and the eighth-seeded Heat beat the top-seeded Bucks 121-99 on Saturday night for a 2-1 lead in their Eastern Conference first-round playoff series.

Duncan Robinson scored 20 points on his 29th birthday for Miami, while Kyle Lowry scored 15 for the Heat.

The Bucks were without Giannis Antetokounmpo for a second consecutive game because of a bruised lower back. Khris Middleton scored 23 points, Jrue Holiday added 19 and Grayson Allen scored 14 for the Bucks.

Game 4 is in Miami on Monday night.

IN BRIEF

Amadio the hero in 2nd OT for Knights

News services

Michael Amadio scored at 3:40 of the second overtime Saturday to give the Golden Knights a 5-4 victory over the Jets and a 2-1 lead in the first-round series.

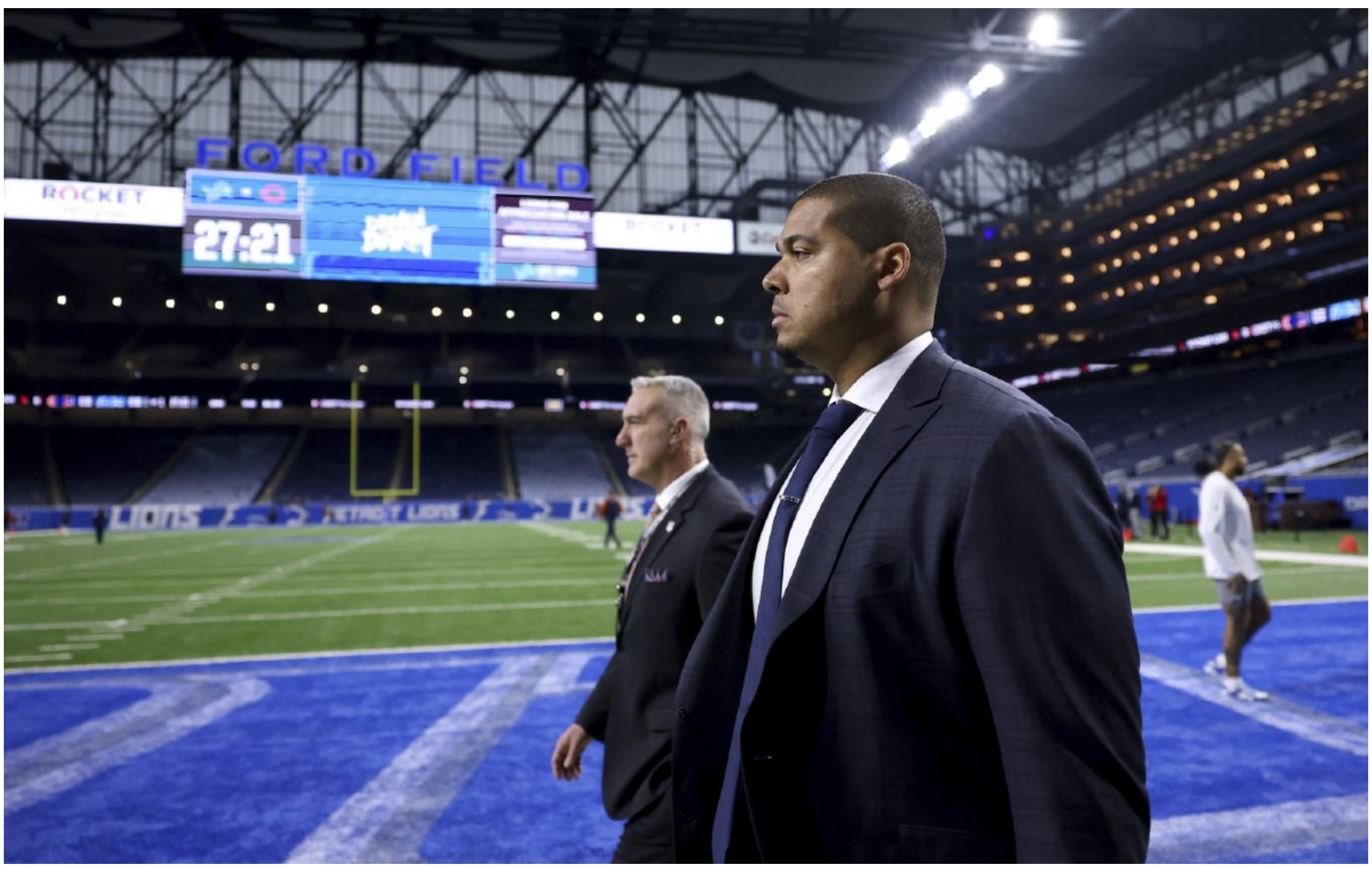
Dylan Sandberg's clearing attempt for Winnipeg from the back boards, deflected off Knights forward Ivan Barbashev's skate to Amadio for a one-timer that went into the top right corner — going between goalie Connor Hellebuyck's head and glove.

Adam Lowry tied it for the Jets with 21.9 seconds left in regulation, beating goalie Laurent Brossoit of a rebound to cap a three-goal, third-period comeback. Nino Niederreiter scored at 2:04 of the third and Mark Scheifele connected on a power play with 5:52 left to cut it to 4-3. Jack Eichel had two power-play goals and added an assist for Vegas. Chandler Stephenson had a goal and an assist, and Keegan Kolesar also scored. Brossoit, who spent three seasons with the Jets, made 30 saves.

Golf: In Gee Chun of South Korea hit a million-dollar shot at the Chevron Championship. She won $1 million for charity with a hole-in-one on the 17th at the first major of the season on Saturday. ... Wyndham Clark and Beau Hossler shot a 10-under 62 in better-ball play Saturday to maintain a one-shot lead through three rounds at the Zurich Classic.

MLB: Adolis García hit three home runs for the Rangers in the first five innings Saturday night against the Athletics. He added two doubles to go along with eight RBIs in his five at-bats.

Soccer: Wrexham has secured promotion to the fourth tier of English soccer to achieve the first part of the dream of celebrity owners Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney. The Hollywood actors were among a crowd of around 10,000 at the Racecourse Ground in north Wales to see Wrexham clinch the National League title with a 3-1 win over Boreham Wood.



Bears general manager Ryan Poles, right, walks on the field during warmups for a game against the Lions on Jan 1. at Ford Field in Detroit. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

New Bears wide receiver DJ Moore speaks with the media at Halas Hall on March 16 in Lake Forest. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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we get the point. Everyone knows who I am now.' "

Just 14 months into his new job, Poles was at the center of the football universe for a frenzied few weeks of speculation and negotiation. He did interviews with the NFL's most prominent journalists in between fielding offers from GMs. He fought through sleepless nights and constant pacing in the final days of trade talks.

Then on March 10 Poles dealt the No. 1 pick to the Carolina Panthers for a package that included wide receiver DJ Moore, the Nos. 9 and 61 picks in 2023, a first-rounder in 2024 and a second-rounder in 2025.

The biggest moment of the 37-year-old GM's career came with some relief when the trade became official five days later. The national attention since has ebbed a bit. But an undercurrent of pressure continues as Poles moves deeper into rebuilding a team in a city that has been craving a Super Bowl win for more than 36 years.

While watching the Bears finish the 2022 season 3-14, Poles was acutely aware of that pressure and also determined to fight it in his quest to do his job the right, disciplined way. His first year-plus of learning and growth as a GM has meant navigating those two realities and the anxieties and anticipation that come with them.

"Anytime you went to Soldier Field, especially early on, you felt it, how much it meant to everyone," Poles said. "I knew how difficult it would be. I never estimated three wins, but I knew it was going to be hard for the state of the organization at the time.

"I knew we were going to have to go through it and take it on the chin if we were going to do it right. We could have put a Band-Aid on things and acted like it was cool and then paid for it later, and I didn't want to do that."

Poles' rebuild reaches another crucial juncture this week — his second NFL draft, in which the Bears pick at Nos. 9, 53, 61, 64, 103, 133, 136, 148, 218 and 258. There are many questions about what the Bears — who still have key positions to fill on their offensive and defensive lines — should do at No. 9.

Will Poles zero in on an offensive tackle such as Peter Skoronski, Paris Johnson Jr. or Broderick Jones? Will Georgia defensive tackle Jalen Carter drop to the Bears because of his off-the-field issues? Will the Bears look at another defensive lineman? Or will they orchestrate another trade back in the first round for more picks?

What Poles does with his 10 picks over the three days comes with more pressure.

Because while Chicago fans might understand what a rebuild takes, they also know this truth: You lose 14 games and then trade the No. 1 pick you received for those losses? You had better make the most of the return.

A landmark move

So much of Poles' first year on the job has required patience and restraint.

Patience as he took over a mess of a roster and an unfavorable salary-cap situation in January 2022. As he tore down that roster and traded some of the Bears' biggest defensive stars. As he watched the team that was left struggle to a franchise-record 14 losses. As he steadfastly stuck to big-picture solutions rather than quick fixes in free agency while building his negotiating skills.

Poles' approach has solicited descriptions of steadiness and calm from those who have worked around him, including coach Matt Eberflus.

But in Poles' Halas Hall office March 10, that patience was wearing thin.

After the Bears determined they were going to stick with Justin Fields rather than draft a quarterback, Poles' original idea was to move from No. 1 to 2 through a trade with the Houston Texans and then from 2 to 9 though a trade with the Panthers. But that move wasn't panning out on the Texans' end.

"I couldn't sleep," Poles said. "I was really kind of aggravated. Within those hours I was pacing all over the place. I was driving my assistant nuts, nonstop moving, kind of edgy."

Then the "highly motivated" Panthers offered Moore — a quality teammate and a young, proven producer to help Fields — in the package of two first-rounders and two second-rounders. Poles, who was in his office with assistant GM Ian Cunningham, senior vice president and general counsel Cliff Stein and director of football administration Matt Feinstein, was ready to make the move.

It was a huge moment for Poles. Along with adding a No. 1 receiver, he armed the organization with more crucial draft capital. But the relief didn't come for a few more days, until Moore had passed his physical at Halas Hall.

"Even today, I'm still waiting for someone like a bad dream to rip it back out, like it's not going through," Poles said.

With the deal done, Poles zeroed in on free agency and now the draft, ahead of which he seems comfortable despite the understanding of its magnitude.

He didn't have a first-round pick last year, but he was "really, really happy" with his team's preparation and how it played out.

After a year, the Bears look as if they have a sure success in second-round safety Jaquan Brisker and have seen good promise from second-round cornerback Kyler Gordon and fifth-round left tackle Braxton Jones. The jury is still out on others, such as third-round wide receiver Velus Jones Jr.

Poles said he was glad he got an opportunity to understand what trading back looks like — he did it four times on Day 3 last year — and how the extra picks acquired in such trades can help.

And he thinks his group is even more prepared to make the right picks this year, especially with a coaching staff that stayed largely intact from Years 1 to 2.

"That first year we talked about scheme fits and culture fits, but having a year under your belt with your O-line coach, your D-line coach, your secondary coach, the coordinators, you start to see what really fits," Poles said. "What types of players — both personality, intelligence, all of those things — what fits? What do you have to have?"

Making the right choices will help the Bears on what Poles has made clear is a long climb.

Fighting the pressure

Poles figures he should pick up a hobby of some sort as he learns how to handle the most stressful parts of being an NFL GM — "the unknown and the sudden change and the gray," he said.

He started going to Libertyville's X-Golf, an indoor golf simulator. He doesn't have four or five hours to play a round on the course, so he gets in nine holes in an hour there. He also enjoys watching his son Mason and daughter Jordyn play sports.

And he talks to a sports psychologist every two weeks for a half-hour.

"Just to get things off my chest," Poles said. "You just feel refreshed after, which is big, and it has really shown me the value of that for our players too. And our staff, my kids, my wife, everybody."

While a portion of the fan base spent the last two months of the 2022 season gladly absorbing Bears losses in the name of a higher draft pick, it wasn't that simple for Poles.

The description Poles used in January was "like part of your football soul gets ripped out."

The Bears went the final 76 days of the season without a victory. Poles watched Fields break free for some mind-boggling runs while rushing for 1,143 yards, but he also watched his quarterback get pummeled for 55 sacks behind an offensive line Poles constructed.

The dagger-to-the-heart moments were frequent, one of the most memorable when Fields injured his non-throwing shoulder on a designed run late in a close game against the Atlanta Falcons and then threw an interception to seal a 27-24 loss. Watching from the Atlanta press box, Poles and his Bears crew clearly were upset.

Poles hated the losses and angry rides home, going so far as to tell reporters that he couldn't immediately appreciate the Bears getting the No. 1 pick because he was still reeling from ending the season with a 10th straight loss.

"Because I felt how hard our guys were playing and some of the games we were in, I was just ready for that breakthrough," Poles said. "And when you don't get that satisfaction enough, it really hurts."

But Poles, whose playing career as an offensive lineman ended when he was cut from Bears training camp in 2008, also understood the climb in more ways than one.

His first couple of years after joining the Kansas City Chiefs personnel department in 2009 were filled with busywork and errands — driving players to and from the airport, taking them to the doctor.

When he received a scouting assignment, it wasn't exactly high-profile — Idaho and Montana.

"They sent me out to the least sexiest place to scout, which was funny," Poles said.

It turned out it was a good time to cover the area. Boise State, quarterbacked then by Kellen Moore, had wide receivers Titus Young and Austin Pettis go in the second and third rounds in 2011 and two first rounders, Shea McClellin and Doug Martin, among six players the following year. Montana had cornerback Trumaine Johnson go in the third round in 2012.

During that period Poles began to get a taste for sorting through different types of players and people to shape a roster.

The drive to be an NFL GM kicked in not long after as he watched the Chiefs climb from worst to first while working in scouting and personnel under GMs Scott Pioli, John Dorsey and Brett Veach. The Chiefs went from 2-14 in 2012 to Super Bowl champions after the 2019 season.

He longed to recreate that rebuild in a new place but also understood he couldn't bring the way it was done in Kansas City, Mo., to a place like Chicago.

"It has to be done a different way," Poles said. "It's not going to be a cookie-cutter setup. There's a level of philosophy, a level of feel and instinct that goes with it."

Enter the 2022 Bears, whose roster and salary-cap situation from the Ryan Pace era required a huge cleanup.

Before he took the job last January, Poles studied big-market teams that had pressure to win and noted how "quick fixes" affected them down the road. He has kept that research in mind over the last year as he watched the losses pile up, traded defensive stars Khalil Mack, Robert Quinn and Roquan Smith and exercised restraint in free agency.

"If I just fight the pressure for a long enough time, really in this three-year span, and build it the right way, I feel really confident we can get over the hump," Poles said. "But again it's fighting the urge of the instant gratification, the short-term hit that makes us feel good in the offseason but doesn't make us feel good a year or two from now.

"So I'm really trying to stay disciplined with that."

Staying steady

New Bears President Kevin Warren didn't officially start his job until Monday, but he was around Halas Hall enough over the previous few months to get a feel for how Poles works, especially watching him in the lead-up to the trade.

And the anxious pacing that one March day aside, Warren was struck by Poles' poise and ability to communicate. He called it "just incredible" to watch.

"He is not only smart, he's intelligent," Warren said. "He has a high IQ, has a high EQ. He's thorough, he's diligent, he's methodical and he's unflappable.

"Because anytime when you handle these trades, especially when you have the No. 1 pick and make these determinations, it's an emotional roller coaster. So he's passionate, but he's not emotional."

Poles joined the Bears with a clear vision about how he wanted to initiate his rebuild, but like anybody's first year on a job there have been areas of learning and growth. Poles said he has grown the most in understanding how to delegate, letting go of some of the tasks he did in Kansas City so he can handle the daily challenges that require him to think on his feet.

He was in the room for contract negotiations in Kansas City, but he needed to learn the nuances to hashing out deals. So he leaned on Stein, who has been with the Bears since 2002, to help as Feinstein got up to speed.

"(Stein) can hear language. He understands time," Poles said. "Knowing when to say, 'No, we're good. You can move on.' Calling bluffs."

Going into his second offseason, Poles and his staff researched agents to understand when and how they did deals and what those contracts looked like for younger and older players. They studied old deals to assess when they should and shouldn't take risks.

Along with Cunningham, Stein and Feinstein, Poles noted he has valued the input of co-directors of player personnel Jeff King and Trey Koziol and director of football analytics Krithi Chandrakasan.

"I like hearing different opinions, and yet everyone respects each other enough where it never gets too loud or a distraction or too many opinions," Poles said.

Some of the negotiations — and Poles' decisions to err on the side of discipline — have meant the Bears have gone without players they might have liked to sign.

- Smith, working without an agent last summer, became so disillusioned with the Bears' offer for a contract extension that he publicly requested a trade. Poles stood by what he believed was a fair-value contract and eventually orchestrated a trade of the Bears' best defensive player to the Baltimore Ravens midseason.
- Poles noted the Bears offered a new contract this offseason to David Montgomery, but the running back simply decided to move on to the Detroit Lions. The Bears signed D'Onta Foreman instead.
- The Bears also made offers to at least a couple of the bigger-name defensive linemen and offensive tackles in free agency this year, including Dre'Mont Jones and Mike McGlinchey, but stuck to their valuations while those players went elsewhere.

Add those unfulfilled outcomes to the trade of a second-round pick for wide receiver Chase Claypool — a deal that as of now doesn't look great — and there have been some bumps in Poles' first year-plus.

But the Bears might have hit the mark in other deals, particularly if 2023 free-agent signings such as linebackers Tremaine Edmunds and T.J. Edwards and defensive end DeMarcus Walker become leaders of the defense. Or guard Nate Davis helps bolster the offensive line. Or Moore produces like he did in Carolina to help an ascending Fields.

All the while Poles has stuck to his principles of restraint and patience.

"Negotiations moving forward after two years of a track record, we have trends," Poles said. "You know we are going to be disciplined, and we're going to hit a mark, and if it goes way past that we're going to be out and we're going to move to the next thing."

The next thing now is one very important draft.

Poles' roster teardown led to 14 losses, which led to the No. 1 draft pick, which led to weeks of negotiations, which led to that crucial decision in Poles' Halas Hall office to trade with the Panthers.

In order to make that long chain of events worth it, Poles has to make the right moves in the draft, starting this week and continuing in 2024 with two first-round picks. And then he has to sell those decisions — and how they fit into the Bears' championship plans — to the fans, who very likely are going to have to ride with the Bears through more bumps in 2023.

Eberflus expects steadiness as Poles dives in.

"I just like his approach," Eberflus said. "It's very methodical. It's logical and it's transparent. That's what he's done throughout the course of it, and not only with me (but) with the whole coaching staff. Talking through free agency with them, talking through the draft and the moves that he's going to make and potentially make.

"And when you have clarity with that, with your entire staff like that, it brings a calmness and everybody is on the same plane in terms of where we want to go with the vision of our football team."

If that vision unfolds the way Poles hopes, he'll have to get used to seeing his face on TV a lot more.

The 2023 Ford Mustang Mach-E is a sporty electric compact SUV that offers an EPA-estimated range of up to 310 miles. **WES DUENKEL/FORD MOTOR CO.**

Electric SUVs that deliver

Mustang Mach-E vs. Ioniq 5: Which one gets your motor running faster?

By Alex Nishimoto
Edmunds

The 2023 Hyundai Ioniq 5 is a small SUV that won the Edmunds Top Rated Electric SUV award. The vehicle offers an EPA-estimated range of up to 303 miles. **DAVID DEWHURST/HYUNDAI MOTOR**

It's an exciting time to be in the market for an electric vehicle. There are more EV options than ever before, and your selection isn't just limited to compact urban runabouts. The 2023 Hyundai Ioniq 5 and Ford Mustang Mach-E are two such electric SUVs that deliver plenty of range, comfort and utility without sacrificing the driving experience. The vehicle experts at Edmunds take a closer look at these two top-rated SUVs to see which is the better buy.

Performance

An all-electric SUV was the last thing we would have expected to wear the galloping horse badge, but the Ford Mustang Mach-E definitely lives up to the Mustang name. Available with a single electric motor for rear-wheel drive or dual motors for all-wheel drive, the Mach-E starts with 266 horsepower and can be turned all the way up to 480 horsepower with the hard-charging GT Performance trim. Whichever Mach-E variant you choose, you'll get an electric car that's eager to accelerate and feels nimble and engaging for an SUV.

The Ioniq 5 isn't far behind. The base Ioniq 5 starts off with a single motor and rear-wheel drive for 168 horsepower and tops out with 320 horsepower with dual motors and all-wheel drive. There's no performance version yet, but we expect one to debut for the 2024 model year and have more than 500 horsepower. In Edmunds' testing, a dual-motor Ioniq 5 was a bit quicker than a comparable Mach-E, getting to 60 mph in 4.7 seconds compared to 5.2 seconds for the Mach-E.

Winner: Ioniq 5

Range and charging

Both SUVs have starting ranges in the low to mid 200s. With its extended-range battery and rear-wheel drive, the Mustang Mach-E is EPA-estimated to go 310 miles on a single charge. An Ioniq 5 equipped with Hyundai's long-range battery and rear-wheel drive is estimated to go 303 miles on a full charge. Edmunds has tested both SUVs in its real-world range test. The Mach-E had the edge for going the distance on a single charge, but the Ioniq 5 can potentially be charged more quickly at certain high-powered DC fast-charging stations.

Winner: tie

Interior and technology

If you're getting an EV for your commute, odds are you'll be spending a good amount of time inside. Fortunately, both the Mach-E and Ioniq 5 feature comfortable and attractive interiors with plenty of useful features. Contrary to what its exterior design might lead you to believe, the Ioniq 5's cabin is surprisingly conventional-looking. Its wide 12.3-inch touchscreen melds seamlessly with the digital gauge panel and is easy to use with quick-responding controls.

The Mach-E goes a different route with an even bigger screen, 15.5 inches, that is tacked onto the center stack like a permanently affixed tablet. There's a physical control knob, which is a nice touch, and the screen itself is pretty responsive and easy to navigate. There's also wireless connectivity for Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, as opposed to a wired connection in the Ioniq 5, and Ford's available hands-free highway driving assist system, Blue Cruise.

The Ioniq 5's cabin is spacious and easy to get in and out of, thanks in part to its low ride height. With a cargo capacity of 27.2 cubic feet, the Ioniq 5's trunk isn't small, but it lags behind the Mach-E's 34.4 cubic feet, in spite of that car's cargo-limiting sloped roofline. The Hyundai's front truck is also comically small, whereas the Mach-E's is large enough to squeeze in an overnight bag or small carry-on.

Winner: Mustang Mach-E

Pricing and value

The Hyundai Ioniq 5 starts at $42,785, which undercuts the Mach-E's starting price of $47,495. Broadly, Hyundai provides a few more features when you cross-shop comparably priced models. The Ioniq 5 is also backed by a longer warranty. But there is one possible advantage to going with the Mach-E: an available federal tax credit. Unlike the Ioniq 5, it qualifies for a credit of at least $3,500, and potentially twice that if a certain percentage of its battery components are domestically sourced. The legislation influencing the second part of the credit is still being worked out at the time of writing.

Winner: tie

Edmunds says: The Ioniq 5 and Mustang Mach-E are both ideal electric SUVs. The Ioniq 5 is a little bit more comfortable and has superior fast-charging capability, while the Ford counters with its more helpful technology and extra cargo space. Edmunds prefers the Ioniq 5 slightly more, but the Mach-E's available tax credit could easily make it the better value for many buyers.

Poll shows electric vehicle plan could meet resistance from consumers

Associated Press

Many Americans aren't yet sold on going electric for their next cars, a new poll shows, with high prices and too few charging stations the main deterrents.

About 4 in 10 U.S. adults are at least somewhat likely to switch, but the history-making shift from the country's century-plus love affair with gas-driven vehicles still has a ways to travel.

The poll by Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago shows that the Biden administration's plans to dramatically raise U.S. EV sales could run into resistance from consumers. Only 8% of U.S. adults say they or someone in their household owns or leases an electric vehicle, and just 8% say their household has a plug-in hybrid vehicle.

Even with tax credits of up to $7,500 to buy a new EV, it could be difficult to persuade drivers to ditch their gas-burning cars and trucks for vehicles without tailpipe emissions.

Only 19% of U.S. adults say it's "very" or "extremely" likely they would purchase an electric vehicle the next time they buy a car, according to the poll, and 22% say it's somewhat likely. About half — 47% — say it's not likely they would go electric.

Six in 10 said the high cost is a major reason they wouldn't and about a quarter cited it as a minor reason. Only 16% said the high cost would not be a factor in rejecting the EV. New electric vehicles now cost an average of more than $58,000, according to Kelley Blue Book, a price that's beyond the reach of many U.S. households. Tax credits approved under last year's Inflation Reduction Act are designed to bring EV prices down and attract more buyers.

An electric vehicle charges April 12 in Monterey Park, California. **FREDERIC J. BROWN/GETTY-AFP**

AUTO REVIEW

RX 350h adds practicality to new look, refined cabin, tech

By Barry Spyker
Tribune News Service

The redesigned, fifth-generation RX 350 is here at last, and it comes with some interesting updates and additions, including a hybrid option.

The remake was much anticipated. After all, it has been seven years since the last full-scale redesign of the premium crossover, which is the top seller in the Lexus family plus leader of the midsize luxury-crossover class.

So what's new for 2023? From its new platform and beak-like nose to its fully digital dashboard and infotainment setup, the RX 350 is brimming with new. In fact, Lexus says it is 95% new. But it remains a rather unexciting drive. The RX350 is more about comfort, luxurious details, quality, reliability and subtle but sure-footed performance. There's also a couple of eyebrow raisers.

The most obvious change on the RX this year is its longer, bulbous nose. Especially noticeable on a profile, it's one of those design elements some will love, others not so much, but it does improve visibility from within.

The RX is slightly wider, lower, and has a wheelbase two inches longer — yet the third row is gone, possibly reserved for the larger TX crossover down the road. Narrow headlights and full-width rear light bar complete a modern look, along with the "floating roof" design.

Of the RX family, the 350h is the efficient and practical child. Total output is 246 horsepower and 233 pound-feet of torque. Fuel stops are less frequent with 600 miles of range.

While it may not be particularly quick, the hybrid never feels underpowered. It gets up to speed satisfactorily around town and up the on-ramps. Steering is nicely weighted, brakes are firm and linear, and it stays well composed on corners.

The 2023 Lexus RX 350h. **LEXUS**

2023 LEXUS RX 350H PREMIUM
Base Price: $52,150
Powertrain: 2.5-liter inline four assisted by dual electric motors, and mated to a CVT
EPA fuel economy (city/highway/combined): 37/34/36 mpg
Performance: zero to 60 mph in 7.6 seconds

Most important for Lexus enthusiasts, it is a smooth, comfortable and quiet ride, with much credit going to the new and lighter GAK global platform. Dips and bumps are absorbed nicely and an optional air suspension system gives it an even more refined ride. Wind and road noise are negligible.

The cabin is more opulent, spacious and built with quality materials, save for the faux wood-grain accents. Panels have a neat and clean fit, in typical Lexus fashion, and door panels are trimmed in suede.

Front seats are heated, ventilated and trimmed in semi-anilene leather with a softer, more natural feel. Front seats have 10-way power adjustment but, sorry, no massage functions. Roomy rear seats also have power adjustments and can tilt back slightly.

The digital dashboard is a giant leap forward from last year. Lexus canned the infotainment system's old and cumbersome touchpad controller in favor of a bright and responsive 14-inch touchscreen. It's angled more toward the driver and easier to reach.

The info system includes navigation and a superb 1800-watt Mark Levinson audio system that sends tunes across 21 speakers. A convenient knob controls audio volume, and another manages temp controls so no need to dive into the touchscreen for those.

Cargo space is nearly twice that of the previous generation, yet shy of some three-row rivals when the last row is folded. Behind the 60/40 split-folding rear seats is 29.6 cubic feet of space, and 46 cubes with all rear seats folded.

Safety gets a huge boost, too, with the Lexus Safety System-Plus 3.0, featuring enhanced adaptive cruise control with automatic emergency braking and speed reduction on curves.

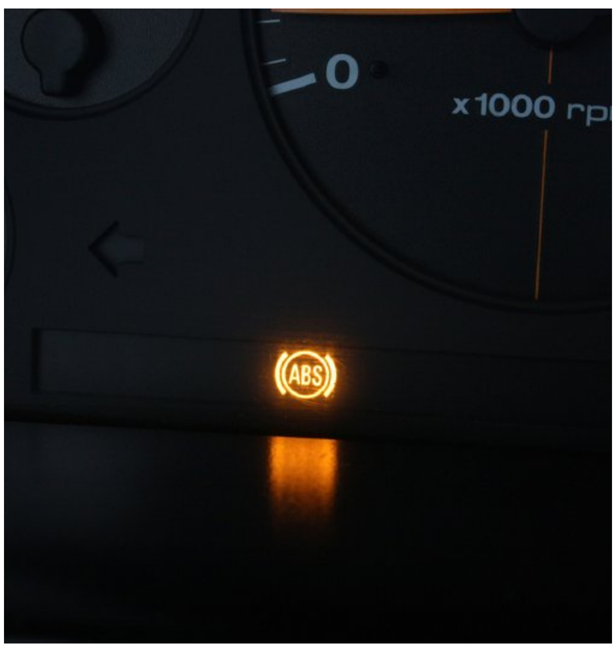
The RX 350h adds practicality to a new look, more refined cabin and tech. Since RX buyers tend to be a loyal lot, these upgrades likely will hit the sweet spot for them.

Solution to faulty ABS sensor

Bob Weber
Motormouth

Q: The ABS light comes on too frequently on my faithful 2002 Chevy Malibu with 167,000 miles. My mechanic suggested it may be a faulty sensor but says that the harness needs to be replaced simultaneously. The problem is that he can't find the part. He says that people drove cars for years without ABS. However, I feel as if the brakes are constantly being ridden and fear the vehicle may be unsafe. Where might I be able to find parts for older Chevy vehicles?
— P.B., Evanston, Illinois

A: The brakes are neither dragging nor applied unless you push the brake pedal. Your mechanic is right. The car is totally safe to drive and behaves just like cars without ABS. The ABS sensors for your car come with a wiring harness already attached and I suggest replacing all four. They are available from almost all auto parts stores and even online.


The ABS sensors for your vehicle come with a wiring harness already attached. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: Regarding the question you got about the 2007 Mini Cooper with the dim taillight. The whole taillight assembly is mounted on a thin copper plate that will overheat and melt the plastic that sandwiches the plate. This will cause bad connections to the three bulbs mounted on the plate. The only fix, other than replacing the entire assembly, is to scrape away the melted plastic from the connections. Not a very good design.
— B.A., Las Vegas

A: Thanks for the info. I had not heard of this.

Q: I have a 2018 Jeep Trailhawk with 26,400 miles. It still has the original factory battery. About six months ago, the auto stop/start feature stopped working. The car's messaging system says that it is disengaged because the battery is charging. I have been on several long drives where there was sufficient time to recharge the battery, yet I continue to get the same message. The car starts every morning on the first try without hesitation. When I asked the local auto parts store to test the battery, they declined saying that the car's warning was enough to warrant buying a new battery. Was this just a sales ploy or an early warning that the battery is about to die?
— L.S., Chicago

A: The computers in our cars monitor and manage the charging system. To conserve the battery, certain circuits may be turned off if they are not vital to normal operation such as the stop/start feature. Maybe the guy at the parts store was too busy to check the battery, but he is likely right that your 4-year-old battery is wearing out.

Q: I will be getting a new 2023 Lexus NX shortly that comes with mudflaps. Personally, I hate the look of these and would like to have them removed. I know to do so is an easy proposition as they are really held on with a few screws. But a friend of mine, who knows less about cars than I do, notes that if I remove these flaps/screws, it will leave holes in the metal that will gather water, salt, etc., that will eventually cause rust problems. I feel that these new cars are rust-proofed enough to handle this potential issue. Can I remove these flaps without worry?
— P.W., Chicago

A: The fender liner to which the mudflaps attach is made of thermoplastic. It will not rust. But I prefer to leave them in place as they protect the shiny side of the car. Leave them on for a while, and you may learn to like them.

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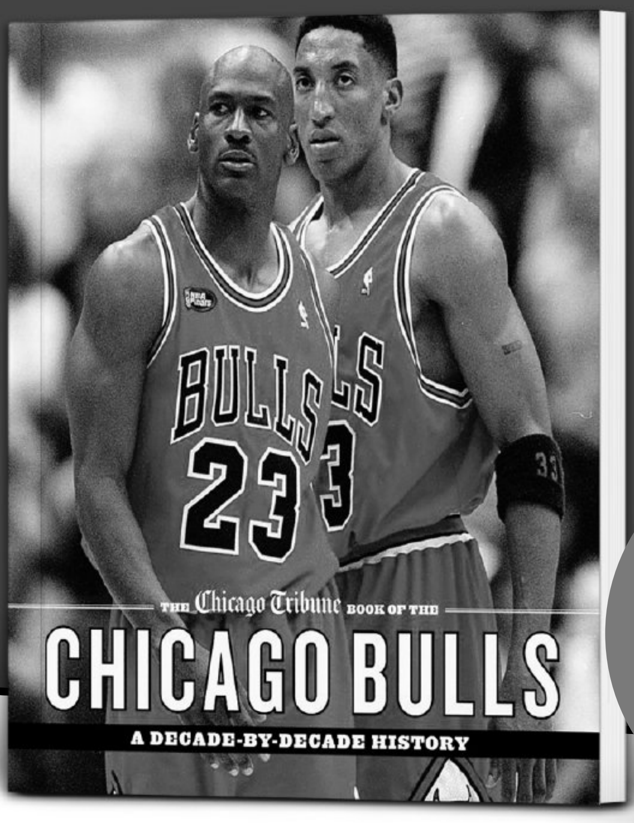

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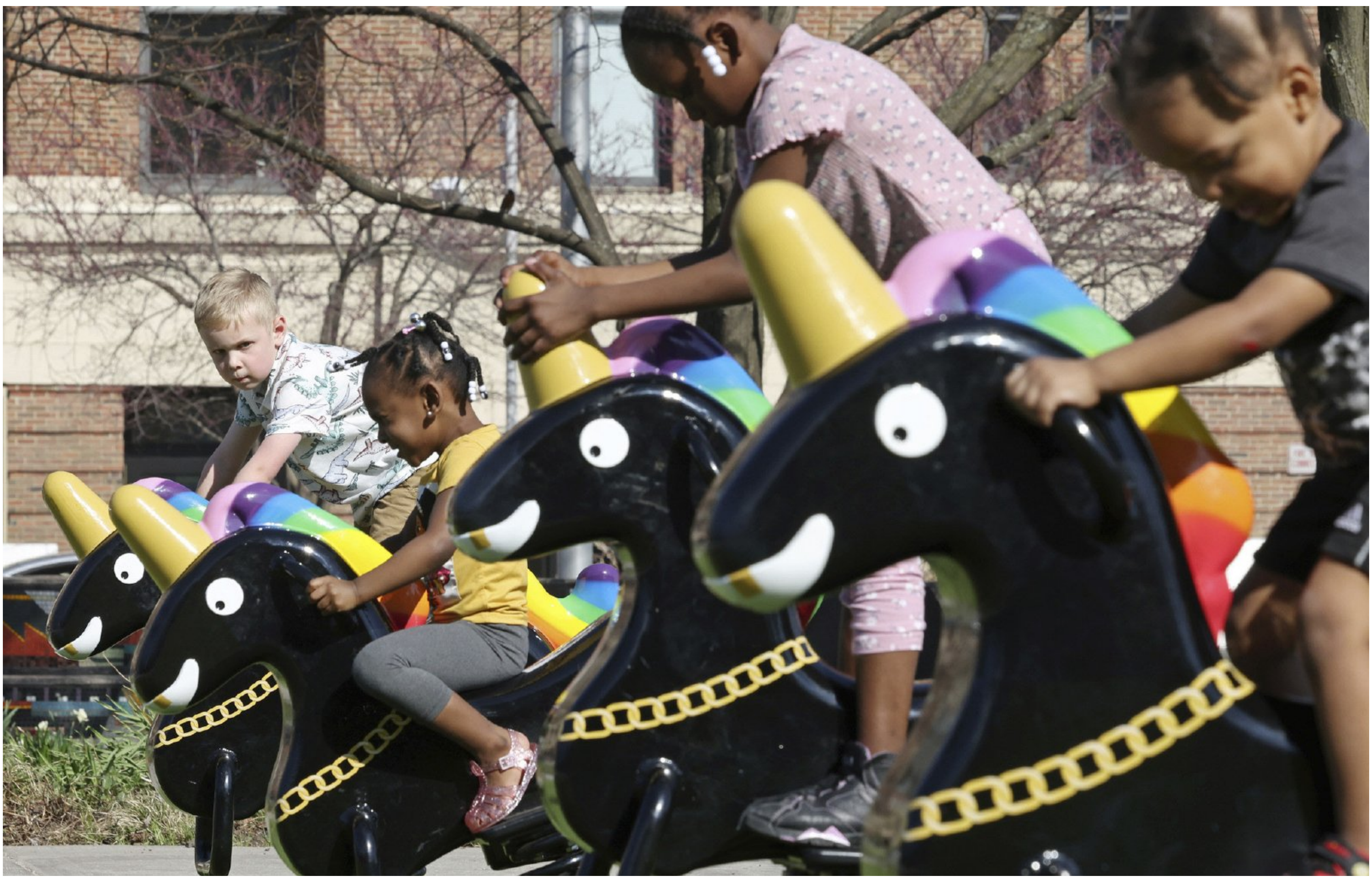

Logan Konieczny, 5, from left, Naomi Creagh, 4, Miya Brown, 6, and Jeremiah Person, 2, ride the Funtime Unicorns art installation by artist Derrick Adams at Navy Pier on April 14.
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Subverting fantasy

With 'Funtime Unicorns' at Navy Pier, artist Derrick Adams pushes the idea of what fantasy can be and embraces Black joy with playground toys

By Christopher Borrelli
Chicago Tribune

This is hard to write after a long Chicago winter, but: *You're going to have to head to Navy Pier soon*. You're going to have to walk among the tourists. I know, I know. All those families from Iowa walking slowly. Still, pick a time, between now and the end of June. That's how long Derrick Adams' "Funtime Unicorns" will be in Polk Bros Park across from the main pavilion. To describe it is to risk sounding corny: Adams, one of the most intriguing artists of recent years, installed four sculptures of Black unicorns, modeled on pool toys.

"Sculptures," though, is really just art-world speak for *ordinary steel-spring playground horses*. They resemble white unicorn pool floaties, with rainbow manes and gold chains.

Only they're black.

It's a seemingly minor distinction, yet, as a break from our usual visual cues, it's almost provocative. Adams, a Baltimore native in his early 50s, has made his name with a quietly subversive subject: Black joy, Black leisure, Black rest. To borrow the title of his recent exhibition in New York City — "I Can Show You Better Than I Can Tell You" — it's also a pretty digestible subversion. The work is colorful, vibrant, drawing on the geometry of Cubism, the everyday palate of Jacob Lawrence, feel-good memories of childhood. The Black figures in his paintings, animations, performance work and playground toys smile and hug, read on hammocks, listen to music, bicycle, swim and barbecue. It's all so easygoing that I told him recently, in a phone conversation from his Brooklyn studio:

Evan Bohus, 15, takes pictures of his classmate riding the Funtime Unicorns on April 14.

"To describe your art to someone who's never seen it is to make it sound schmaltzy."

He laughed.

"I know!" he said. "But corny, *schmaltzy* — Black artists should be able to do corny work, too. I mean, look at David Hockney. Or someone like Alex Katz or Nicole Eisenman. They paint people sitting on a couch listening to records or hanging out at the beach. Those artists have the ability to represent certain everyday things *they just want you to see* — behavior that is not sensational. And they don't have to explain any of that. They

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'This can't be a commercial for Nike'

'Air' screenwriter Alex Convery talks about taking risks and the beauty of criticism

Alex Convery, screenwriter of the film "Air," outside the Nike store on Michigan Avenue on Thursday, April 13.
BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Michael Phillips
On Further Review

Many famous hands collaborated on director Ben Affleck's "Air," now in theaters. "Argo" style, with shoes instead of hostages, it sells a rousing, semi-fictionalized version of events surrounding the invention of Nike's Air Jordan shoe line; the gumption of Nike marketing executive Sonny Vaccaro (portrayed by Matt Damon), among others, in securing Michael Jordan for an unprecedented sponsorship deal; and the backstory of how a "film nerd" (his phrase) from Chicago's western suburbs grew up to be Alex Convery.

Until "Air," Convery was part of Los Angeles' great ocean of unproduced screenwriters, though he'd come a lot closer than most. In his 20s, he had two of his scripts on the coveted Black List, an annual shortlist of unproduced screenplays. Last year, Convery made Variety's "10 Screenwriters to Watch." By then, "Air" had happened. The writer found a champion through Mandalay Pictures head Peter Guber, one of the forces behind ESPN's "The Last Dance." Then Affleck and Damon got interested. Suddenly (or finally) Convery went from unproduced to produced, by way of Affleck and Damon's production company Artists Equity.

Not that the "Air" script sailed through unchanged. Convery's version underwent an Affleck rewrite and, at Jordan's request — in "Air" we see the superstar only in long shot, usually just off-camera, or in archival footage — several characters were beefed up (his mother, Deloris Jordan, for example; Jordan encouraged the casting of Viola Davis). Others who weren't in it originally ended up with a piece of the narrative. Chris Tucker came on board as Nike exec Howard White; Marlon Wayans joined the ensemble as George Raveling, the player turned coach and, as Jordan said in 2015, the guy who actually pushed Jordan into considering Nike over Converse or Adidas for a shoe deal. Convery retains sole screenwriting credit for "Air," thanks to Affleck's impulse to help a talented newcomer.

Convery and his wife, a Veterans Affairs pharmacist, live in Venice Beach, California. "I have the most unstable job in existence," he told me the other day. "So between us, we land somewhere in the middle."

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Closed Sessions hosts hip-hop royalty

Chicago-based independent label hosts conversation series with industry legends

DJ Premier Dave Jeff, left, and Alexander Fruchter, who performs as DJ RTC, from a Legend Conversation event in Chicago. **JESUS J. MONTERO**

By Shakeia Taylor
Chicago Tribune

DJ Premier, one of the most prolific producers in hip-hop and one-half of the duo Gang Starr, sat on a stool on a small stage alongside Chicago's DJ RTC and Dave Jeff in a dimly lit room in front of less than 100 fans.

"My mom would stack five 45s on the record player, on the spindle. She would press the button. The needle hits it. The record drops and knows where to land on it. But she's like 'do not touch those records. And don't put your fingerprints on there!'"

For about an hour, the pioneering beatmaker told long, winding stories about his early life: how he first fell in love with records through his mother's collection, growing up with rapper Travis Scott's dad, the highs and lows of his three-plus decade career, and how he came to help produce Christina Aguilera's "Back to Basics" album.

"The energy of New York made me want to be there then once (hip-hop) started to evolve. And I started to see new videos and hear the record and witness scratching. I was like 'that's what I want to do.' (The way) people get the Holy Ghost, I just feel like God's talking to me. That was my god," Premier said of how he got into music.

Sprinkling his sense of humor throughout the interview, Premier joked about whether or not he'd actually answered any of the questions. "Sometimes I ramble," he'd say with a laugh.

The rare intimate gathering was a part of DJ RTC and Jeff's joint collaboration called Legend Conversation.

The conversation series is the brainchild of DJ RTC, aka Alexander Fruchter, a former independent music journalist from Chicago. During what's known as rap's "blog era," Fruchter was editor-in-chief of popular music and culture blog Ruby Hornet. As a writer and DJ, he found himself helping build a community of music lovers and launching rap artists from Chicago's view to the rest of the country.

The idea for Legend Conversation came about "because I wanted to do something that would increase a feeling of community. I wanted to celebrate these artists and also create unique and impactful experiences," Fruchter told the Tribune.

The original iteration began prior to the COVID-19 pandemic at Soho House, but Fruchter decided to revamp the idea in 2021. After leaving music blogging nearly a decade ago to pursue his own indie record label, Closed Sessions, he felt that time had passed him by. He was burned out. One day, after a nap to reset his frustrations, Fruchter decided he needed to find a way to rejuvenate his enthusiasm.

The event, which is held quarterly, has hosted notable hip-hop legends such as Raekwon, DJ Jazzy Jeff, The Alchemist, DJ Clark Kent and Just Blaze. Though it originally started at a different location, Legend Conversation seems to have found a home at Dorian's Through the Record Shop, a Wicker Park record store with a speak-easy in the back. The location is as much a character in the conversation as the interviewees. The small room has a wall of records and a small retro-looking DJ booth.

"As hip-hop and music culture grows, fans would rather have an experience where they get to eat dinner and listen to an artist tell their stories," Fruchter said. "There's a whole generation of artists that are now entering legacy status or are older, maybe they don't want to tour and go to a concert but this provides an intimate, unique experience for them and for fans. So that's kind of what I wanted to do."

The first Legend Conversation was held at Jugrnaut, a Loop boutique, and Fruchter enlisted the help of Chef Brian Fisher and self-described "cultural architect" Jeff, creator of Chicago streetwear brand PHLI.

"I help build brands and this being Alex's vision, he just felt that I would be a perfect fit for that. Alex gives you a journalistic viewpoint. And then I'll come from a more cultural side or ask those questions that you probably wouldn't ask," Jeff said.

Each entry in the series features dinner by Fisher; specialty cocktails; an interview led by Fruchter and Jeff with a music artist or beat maker; and an after-party with DJ sets, including one by the visiting artist. The cocktail menu is curated with the interviewee in mind with names like "The Boom Bap," "Closed Sessions Classic Material," "Mass Appeal," and "Legend Conversation Starter." A themed collectors' item such as a shirt, beanie or poster is created for each interview as well.

The crowd on Thursday night was full of music lovers of all kinds hanging onto Premier's every word, getting an opportunity to sit mere feet from an icon of the genre while he waxed poetic. His presence evoked feelings of nostalgia for a long-gone but not forgotten era of hip-hop.

"It really has restored a feeling for me of community and the local scene, putting everybody together under one roof, breaking bread, talking to people. Not everybody is in the music community. All these different communities are coming together in a very intimate environment, you're not really getting these. That's why I think this is such a hot ticket. Everybody wants to get in here, because it brings back something that we have missed and we haven't had in Chicago in a long time," said Andrew Barber, owner/creator of popular music blog Fake Shore Drive.

Barber, a mainstay in the Chicago hip-hop community, has only missed one Legend Conversation and says he will never miss one again as long as he is invited.

Melo Rosario of BWS Barbershop in Wicker Park has been to all eight Legend Conversations. He says the events give listeners "information and insight, history of the artists and the music."

The dinner and conversation are invite-only, but the after-party is open to the public for a cover charge. People hoping to get into the party begin lining up hours before its 10 p.m. start time, and by the time the event transitions from the dinner to the party, the line is down the block.

"I think the culture today is kind of microwave. And what I mean by that is not necessarily in a bad way, but everybody's just kind of wanting something now, and a lot of people don't do the homework on why certain things are even available. I think Legend Conversation is important because we get to bring back legends and ask those questions on what inspired them, where their whole vision of what they're doing came from," Jeff said.

At the end of the conversation with DJ Premier, the tables and chairs were removed from the space and a DJ setup was added to the stage. Fans who had waited in line outside began to trickle in. After a couple of opening DJs, including Fruchter, set the mood, Premier gave the crowd what they came for. He played hit after hit as the crowd bobbed their heads and waved their arms, occasionally dropping an emphatic "ohhhhhhh!" as they recognized some of his classics.

"The blog era is over ... but the fundamentals of it, the vibe of it, the aesthetic of it, don't need to be abandoned. We're still looking for what's next but what's next doesn't mean brand new," Fruchter said.

"Hip-hop is now 50. A lot of the artists are in their upper 40s and 50s but still have something to say, still have lessons to teach. You still have great art. And I'm trying to say there's an audience for that."

The next Closed Sessions' Legend Conversation is July 20; more information at legendconversation.com

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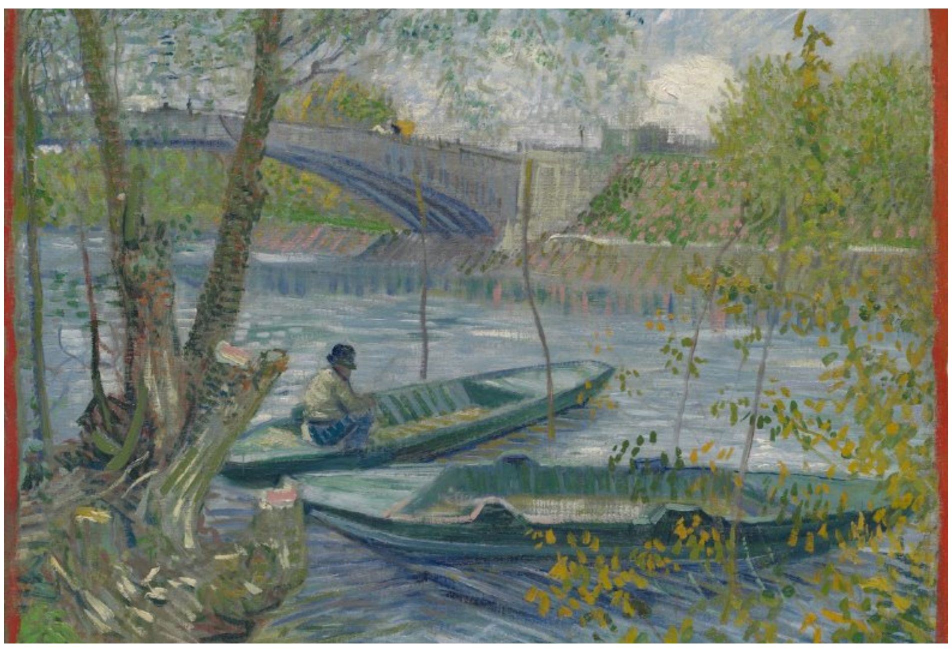

Vincent van Gogh's "Fishing in Spring, the Pont de Clichy (Asnières)," 1887. **ART INSTITUTE**

Art Institute exhibition to feature 25 works by Van Gogh

By Kayla Samoy
Chicago Tribune

From 1882 and 1890, five notable Post-Impressionist artists drew inspiration from villages on the outskirts of Paris, where they experimented with brushstrokes and bold colors. "Van Gogh and the Avant-Garde: The Modern Landscape" at the Art Institute will showcase more than 75 works from this time by Vincent van Gogh, Georges Seurat, Paul Signac, Emile Bernard and Charles Angrand.

"The pioneering work by Seurat, Signac, Bernard, and Angrand in the northwestern suburbs of Paris prompted many artists, including Van Gogh, to rethink the possibilities of painting," said Jacquelyn Coutré, the Eleanor Wood Prince Associate Curator, Painting and Sculpture of Europe, in an announcement Monday. "It was here, in this location and in conjunction with these artists, that he learned to energize his brushstroke and to 'see color', both important contributions to his rapid development as an artist."

These artists were drawn to the area by the clashing of recreation and industry as the Seine River, a popular spot for leisure activities, saw a time of rapid industrial development.

"The bringing together of extremes — the countryside as a whole and the bustle here (in the city) — gives me new ideas," Van Gogh wrote in a letter.

Many of the pieces are from private collections and are rarely viewed publicly. The exhibition will feature 25 works by Van Gogh, including paintings from three triptychs that will be displayed together for the first time.

"Van Gogh and the Avant-Garde: The Modern Landscape" runs May 14 through Sept. 4 at the Art Institute, 111 S. Michigan Ave.; $10 exhibition ticket in addition to admission, more information at artic.edu

‘Chicago’s game’ plays on

16-inch softball players win the fight to continue playing at Grant Park fields

Rick Kogan

Grant Park was born with the rather dull name of Lake Park and is informally called Chicago’s “front yard.” But by any name, there’s not a finer urban park around and it has been the site of many joys, triumphs and troubles.

On the dark side, I can see the massive mess and violent melee that took place there during the 1968 Democratic convention.

On the sunny side, I give you 16-inch softball, which is played with bats and Clincher softballs and has been a summer joy for so many players and fans in the park for nearly a century.

In the dark depths of late February, Don DeBat read a disturbing and well-reported story by Melody Mercado in Block Club Chicago. It began, “Softball leagues are being ousted from Grant Park this summer due to the city’s NASCAR deal and other big-ticket festivals like Lollapalooza, frustrating longtime players.”

DeBat is the definition of a “longtime player” and he has the injuries to prove it, among them “four broken fingers and a broken thumb, a torn medial collateral ligament in my left knee.” Though those troubles and recent knee replacement operations (yes, both knees) have effectively ended his playing days, this article enraged him. Once a softball player ...

And so he responded the best way he knew how: He wrote about it, using his platform as the regular weekly columnist for Inside Publications/North Loop News. Usually devoted to real estate matters, his column was about softball, starting with, “NASCAR, the redneck racing sport, apparently has driven Chicago’s beloved game — 16-inch softball — out of Grant Park.”

In the column, DeBat detailed his frustration trying to get answers from the Chicago Park District — “I was put on hold, then switched to various extensions for 33 minutes while listening to cheerful Muzak” — and how he and others from the softball world (media, league organizers, players) started to apply pressure.

This evoked an earlier skirmish from 1977, when the Park District announced that it was allowing players to use gloves in the Grant Park League.

Mike Royko, then a columnist for the Chicago Daily News and a passionate 16-inch player and team captain, was so enraged that he sued the city, arguing that this rule change had taken place after he had paid the $240 membership fee for his team to play in the league, and that it would be impossible to withdraw and find a league “in which men played like men.”

He wrote that this new rule “runs contrary to the spirit of 16-inch softball and unfairly penalizes those with talent and hands with calluses and gives an unfair advantage to those with tender and well-manicured hands.”

As DeBat relates, Royko was aided by “Bernie Neistein, an old West Side ward boss and 16-inch player, who told the judge, ‘Gloves? The only time anybody on our team ever wore any kind of gloves was when they didn’t want to leave fingerprints.’”

The judge ruled in favor of Royko.

DeBat and his fellow activists were successful too.

In a recent post, DeBat announced the 2023 softball season had been “rescued” and, though with some sorry restrictions, Clinchers will again fly.

“Mike would have enjoyed this tussle and he would have loved that after he died, the Park District created the Mike Royko Softball Tournament, part of the Grant Park scene for more than a decade,” said DeBat. “He was a softball nut but he was also a very good player and he put together very good teams.”

DeBat, formerly an editor for the Daily News and Sun-Times, was on Royko’s Daily News/Sun-Times teams. He and that team have been inducted into the 16-inch Softball Hall of Fame. Royko’s in too.

“Mike was a big part of my life and will be will be a big part of my book,” said DeBat, who is working on a history for the sport, tentatively titled “Chicago’s Game.”

The sport was born here on Thanksgiving Day in 1887. Twenty men were at the Farragut Boat Club on the South Side, receiving telegraphed reports of the football game between Harvard and Yale. After the game, they started banging around a boxing glove with a broomstick. The sport of softball was, after a few tweaks, created.

The game caught on and games were held in many indoor spaces. By the 1920s, it moved outdoors, proving perfect to be played in alleys, compact gravel schoolyards and parks across the city and suburbs. Some heretics played 12-inch softball but by the late 1940s, hundreds of thousands of paying customers turned out each year to watch 16-inch games played by the teams of the Windy City League.

There are some who will tell you that the game has lost its popularity, but travel around this spring and summer and you will be convinced that the game remains healthy. DeBat estimates that 100,000 people regularly play, and many more watch.

You will see some of the reasons why, see the ad exec playing on the same team as a baggage handler; a cop playing on the same team as a lawyer, an actor on the same team as a dentist. You will see games played by all genders, races, ages, professions, religions, incomes ... 16-inch levels life’s playing field.

DeBat has been understandably emboldened by this “victory,” and devoted his next column to detailing his plan for “the upgrading and transforming” of the park’s diamonds. Among his ideas is to rescue a monument that once sat near the site of the boat club where the game was born. “It’s now in storage at the Chicago Monuments Project warehouse,” he says. “It deserves to be outdoors.”

Another of his proposals is to have the transformed softball diamonds be formally named “Mike Royko Field.”

Works for me, as it does for Royko’s wife Judy, who told me, “Out of all the ideas I have heard over the years from people about ways *they* think Mike should be honored, this is the best. Softball brought him such joy, made him so happy. This idea of Don’s brings me joy too.”

Royko died in April 1997. That’s a long time ago but he is very much “alive” in a stunning 10-minute video shot by the late Scott Jacobs. It shows Royko at the Billy Goat Tavern (long the sponsor of his teams) following a game and charmingly explaining his love of the sport.

Seeing that always reminds me of the 1975 WTTW-Ch. 11 broadcasts of a series of 16-inch softball games at Soldier Field. Royko was in the booth along with sportscaster Tim Weigel (another Royko team member) and announcer Marty Robinson.

As a player stepped to the plate, Robinson said, “In real life, he’s a fireman.”

Royko turned to him and said, “This *is* real life.”

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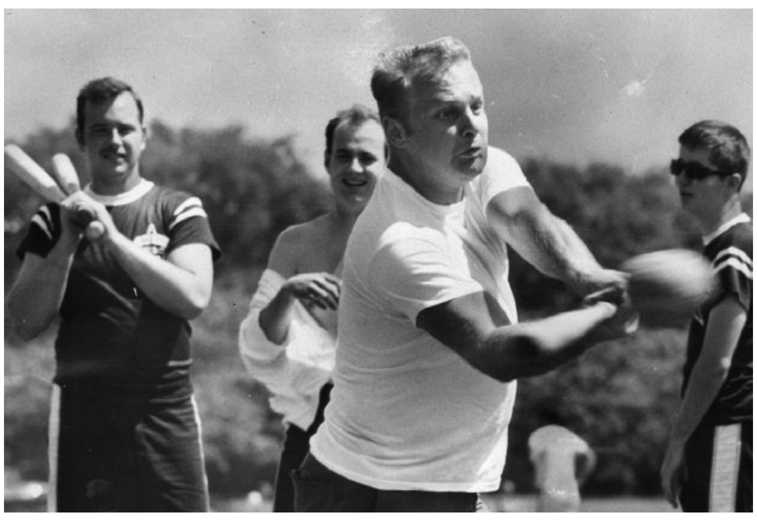
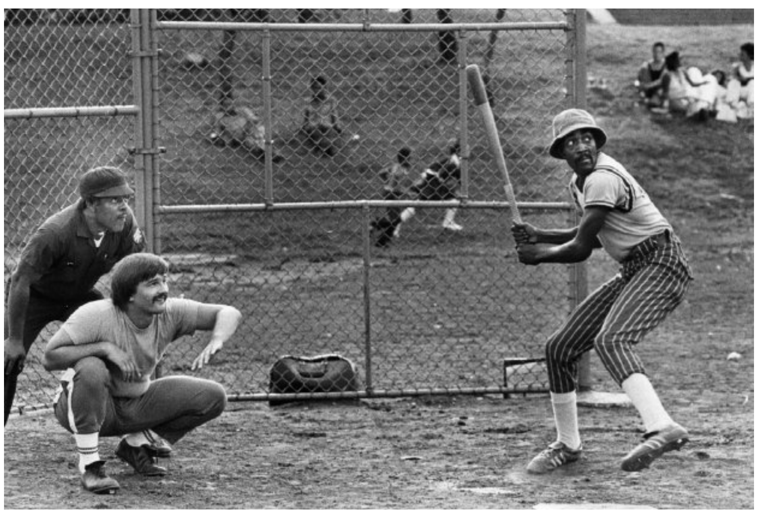
Mike Royko, top row, second from right, stands with the Chicago Daily News 16-inch-softball team in the Billy Goat Tavern with Sam Sianis, top center, during the 1974 season. **SAM SIANIS**



A 16-inch softball game at Grant Park June 28, 1969. **WALTER NEAL/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



A group of people play 16-inch softball on Aug. 13, 1973, in Chicago. **LEE OLSEN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

MY WORST MOMENT MICHAELA WATKINS

Actor lost more than she bargained for after waxing mishap

By Nina Metz
Chicago Tribune

There are some actors who, whenever they show up on screen, you think: OK, now we’re cooking. That would apply to Michaela Watkins, who has been a reliable comedic presence on everything from “Saturday Night Live” to her roles in “Enlightened,” “Trophy Wife,” “New Girl,” “Casual,” “Search Party,” “The Unicorn” and more.

She currently co-stars in the Hulu series “Tiny Beautiful Things” with Kathryn Hahn and the film “Paint” with Owen Wilson. After that, it’s director Nicole Holofcener’s “You Hurt My Feelings,” which comes out next month. “It’s funny,” said Watkins, “it’s like everything I did over the last few years is coming out of the gate at the same time. But that’s pretty much acting; when it rains, it pours.”

When it comes to a worst career moment, Watkins has a doozy.

“I have so many stories and some of them I really just don’t want to tell because they are two-whiskeys-in-at-a-dinner-party kinds of stories where I know 78% of the people very well. So this story has to be for public consumption, but I think I’ve chosen wisely.”

My worst moment ...

“This goes back to the first TV job that I ever had, and that was on a show called ‘Charmed.’ This was in 2001 and I was very excited about it because I had been doing commercials and now I was finally going to be on a scripted TV show — and a bit of a popular one at that.

“So two days before I’m meant to shoot, my friend comes over and she says, ‘Oh, did you know that you have a little mustache?’ And I said, ‘No, nobody’s ever said that to me.’ And she’s like, ‘It’s Hollywood and you have a TV job — you should do something about it.’

“OK, I guess I’ll do something about it because now I’m a *TV actress* and I’ve got to do something about a little peach fuzz on my face.

“I had neither money, nor common sense, nor knowledge of the ins and outs of where the beautiful people go to have their lip waxed. So I went to one of these places in Hollywood where they board dogs and they sell candles and they also do waxing *(laughs)*. It’s one of those ‘Hey, we do it all — sure, we’ll make you a burrito’ kinds of places.

“Because it was my first time, I didn’t know that things were going terribly, terribly wrong, which was that I was getting a thousand degree burn on my face. It was like, oh, *wow*, this really hurts. The wax was clearly too hot and it burned my lip, especially where this one gob was. But we’re such people pleasers when we start our careers and this was before I found my voice to stop things and say ‘Hey, this doesn’t feel right.’

“So she rips off the strip and the look on her face was so very, *very* scared. It felt like she ripped off 17 layers of skin. Like you could almost see the inside of my mouth. It was such a deep ripping of flesh that happened. I mean, it really hurt. It was like I had a seeping wound.

“They kept apologizing and the woman who did it was practically crying and the man said, ‘We’ll give you back your money.’ And I said, ‘No, no, no — I’m sure it’s fine. I’ll pay.’ *(Laughs)*

“And I paid! And they said, ‘Are you sure?’ I just felt like we had to make good on this transaction. She was going to wax my lip and I was going to pay for it and nothing could really move me off of that, not even probably needing to go to a hospital.

“Anyway, now I’m working the next day on my first TV job with a huge burn on my face. I didn’t know what to do. It was sort of circular and it was above my lip and probably looked like a cold sore. I’m telling the makeup woman what happened and I don’t think I could ever duplicate her disdain of having to work on my face that day. She was disgusted. If she quit the biz that day, I wouldn’t be surprised.

“It looked like an undiagnosed venereal disease on my face, it looked so profoundly ghastly. And it’s my first TV job ever! In my mind, the producers and director were all huddled in a room together like, ‘I don’t know, do we recast?’ But nobody said anything to me about it. I guess the concealer covered it up enough — I had a new lip spackled onto my lip.

“But I still have a scar. It’s 22 years later and I still have a scar.”

Was Watkins able to give a performance she felt good about that day?

“No. I was sweating because I felt like everybody was staring at this gaping, seeping wound *(laughs)*. You have to understand, every single part of it was new to me. I had done a lot of commercials by that point and a lot of theater, but I had never done television. So I just wanted to be perfect and do a good job, even though they killed me in the episode and I knew I’d never come back *(laughs)*.

“But I wanted that job to beget the next job. The stakes felt so high. And I was meeting Shannen Doherty for the first time and Alyssa Milano and Holly Marie Combs. And we’re all in this shuttle van together and the whole time I’m making a joke about it. Knowing me, I couldn’t stop talking about it.

“By the way, that’s the reason I can’t do drugs, because every time I’ve ever done drugs I’ve told everybody: ‘I smoked pot, just so you know! I’m high right now.’ And my husband will be like, ‘You don’t have to tell every single person.’ But I feel like I do *(laughs)*!

“But with my lip, it felt like I had to acknowledge the elephant in the room.

“I went home afterward and I think the spackling didn’t help. When you have a burn, putting tons of makeup on it is probably not the best thing for it, so it was quite irritated.

“So I just kept it clean and put aloe on it and it scabbed over eventually. And I thought, unless it gets worse, there’s nothing to be done.

“When I see it now in the mirror I think, ‘You dummy. When you felt it burn, why did you sit there and take it?’ Women are conditioned to be nice and not be difficult and second-guess what is happening.

“So it is a constant reminder that, no, you’re not supposed to feel pain. That’s not normal.

“And now I do nothing to my lip. But I think I’m less hairy than I was 22 years ago.”

The takeaway ...

“You get what you pay for.

“And I literally paid for it! I insisted!”

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Michaela Watkins, who stars with Kathryn Hahn in “Tiny Beautiful Things,” talks about a worst moment in her career. **JESSICA BROOKS/HULU**

Alex Convery, screenwriter of the film "Air," lived in Naperville and Western Springs while growing up as a movie buff. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Phillips

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Convery and I met for coffee around the corner from the Nike store downtown. The following has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: Your family moved from Naperville to Western Springs, and went to Lyons Township High School, is that right?
A: That's right. Born out east, then moved to the western suburbs. I did the summer screenwriting program at (the University of Southern California) between my junior and senior year of high school. It's not like I had any ties to Hollywood. It was never presented as a career opportunity. But I grew up loving movies. I'd go to the movies every Friday, whatever it was. I miss those days, when you'd go without pretense or even taste. Just to see whatever.

Q: At that age, you're just trying to figure out what "taste" is, or what's yours.
A: Exactly. At 15, 16, I was getting into serious movies, Criterion Collection stuff, starting to learn about directors and their filmographies. I started with the Coen brothers and Paul Thomas Anderson. This was 2007, so you're talking about "No Country for Old Men," "There Will Be Blood," "Michael Clayton," "Zodiac." For Christmas that year my dad got me a book on the Coen brothers, the collected screenplays: "Blood Simple," "Raising Arizona," "Miller's Crossing," "Barton Fink." First time I'd ever seen a screenplay. Black cover, with Nicolas Cage on it. It was one of those lightning bolt moments. And I thought, OK, this is what I want to do.

My parents were supportive and freaked out at the same time, but I applied to filmmaking summer programs at DePaul, Iowa, all over the country, and ended up in this screenwriting 101 class at USC. I was 17 and felt like I'd found my people, my place, my purpose. It was everything I dreamed of without knowing I was dreaming of it. Senior year of high school was increasingly difficult, coming back from that experience. But you go through it. Then I headed back out to LA to USC, the (undergraduate) screenwriting program, which was great. They treated it very seriously, but at 18, what the hell are you going to write about? I graduated with big ambitions. But it's not that easy.

Q: As you found out.
A: Yeah. I paid my dues in my 20s. Assistant jobs. Worked at a management firm. Worked for a producer. It was hard. Those are tough jobs. You just write on the side, trying to crack it. In 2018 I ended up writing this script "Bag Man," kind of like "Heat" set in the world of college football. It's a crime movie about the guy who pays recruits under the table and tries to manage all the craziness in his life and there's an NCAA agent tasked with bringing him down. That script got me my agent, and my reps, and it was one of those moments where you feel, "Omigosh, I've made it!" But that script has come together and fallen apart a million times. I wrote another one, this biopic of Stan Lee and Jack Kirby and the origins of Marvel Comics. It's a movie about their friendship, and how in some ways, business and capitalism are the water in the gears of creation. Those two created the foundation for the current industry moment, the one we've been in since "Iron Man" in 2008. There's definitely a story there, and the script almost happened. But didn't. I thought: I can't write another spec biopic where I don't control the rights. It's too hard.

But there I was, watching "The Last Dance," and that segment about Air Jordans, and I thought: There's a movie there. Somewhere.

Q: Let's talk about that. I appreciate how you've talked elsewhere about the process that went down with "Air," and the other contributors.
A: You send a spec script out in the world, and hope for the best. Getting Ben and Matt was, for me, obviously a kind of dream scenario. But a lot of times in Hollywood the dream scenario can turn into a nightmare very quickly. There's a million examples of the young, unproduced screenwriter who disappears, with maybe a shared credit. They're basically told, "OK, we'll take it from here. See you at the premiere." You get your one (Writers Guild of America)-mandated day on set. They shake your hand and give you a water bottle and the writer watches one take and then he's outta there. I mean, I know there are reasons for that, and there's already so many cooks in the kitchen.

But Ben and Matt were nothing if not transparent. They said, look, we have some ideas on the script and want to take a pass at it, add this and that, and take another look at the ending. So you make the bargain, happily, in order to get a movie made. It sounds like (expletive), but they were great. Ben was keyed into the idea of giving all the major characters their moment in the spotlight. The original script was even more Sonny-centric than the final version. To use the easiest metaphor in the world: It's like a basketball team. Ben was the point guard, setting up each of the other players.

Q: I went to the movie with our 13-year-old, and he came out asking: How did they manage to make an interesting movie when everybody knew the ending?
A: You go back to the classic examples. You know the Titanic in "Titanic" is going to sink. "Apollo 13," they're going to make it back alive. "Argo," you probably know how the hostage crisis will end. So let's call that (foreknowledge) a disadvantage. But you try to turn that into an advantage. Given that the audience knows the ending, what fun can we have along the way to make you forget?

Q: Has your success reawakened interest in the earlier scripts you mentioned?
A: Yes and no. There's reasons those movies didn't happen. So much of why a movie gets made is right time, right place, right people reading the right script. With the Stan Lee/Jack Kirby script, there are, not surprisingly, rights issues with Marvel and with showing the characters, and how much you can get away with. But we're getting more reads on those scripts now, yes. And they're characters I really love. The Stan Lee/Jack Kirby story is too good a story not to happen. That movie will happen eventually. Will it be my script? Probably not. You never know.

I was a Marvel kid growing up, but in a million years I never imagined we'd be on the third "Guardians of the Galaxy" movie. It's unfathomable, in a way, for better and for worse.

Q: Back to "Air." It's already enough of a hit to take some heat. I liked it, didn't love it; many think it's the best movie of 2023 so far. I want to talk about a really intriguing review on NPR by Aisha Harris, which takes the film to task for being "nothing more than a craven exercise in capitalist exaltation" and "a two-hour ad for Nike and the uber-rich."
A: I have not read it. It's been sent to me a couple of times.

Q: It's harsh. And worth reading. In essence, she's asking: Why root for these people?
A: Look, I understand that viewpoint. I sat down with this script to begin with, thinking this can't be a commercial for Nike. There's a reason Nike didn't participate in the making of this movie. I wanted to take some risks and talk about some things they maybe wouldn't be entirely comfortable with. Including the Jordan family as a central element was always of the utmost importance, for that exact reason. Sure, it's easy to celebrate the Nike side of the story. But by the third act of the movie, you're almost rooting against Nike in a way, where Viola Davis really dominates (the narrative) and Deloris stands firm on asking for the percentage of the sales. To me, it's a movie that examines where we are today in terms of athlete's compensation. I guess I look at it this way: This is what happened. Now, you could *not* make a movie about it. Or you can show it as it was.

I get the criticism, and some people are going to reject "Air" on its premise. That's OK. That's the beauty of criticism. Everyone's welcome to their opinion.

There's a reason the movie isn't about (Nike founder) Phil Knight as a protagonist. There's a reason it isn't about (Michael Jordan's agent) David Falk. Sonny was a contract employee with Nike who had a vision. I don't want to be hyperbolic about it, but that vision changed the world. To me, that's a human story worth telling.

"Air" is now playing in theaters.

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Unicorns

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paint figures who occupy a space, then allow the viewer to interpret the image the way they want. But most Black artists are tasked with being very descriptive. They need to *explain*, so people can understand our point of view. And myself, I've never felt this need. If you think about Black culture in America — the music, the fashion — it never came with explanation. You just got into it. I think that art is in a place like that right now.

"So when I hear that an image (in my work) is so normative, it's corny — yes! Normal life is corny. It's not exciting. But coming from a history of people who experienced trauma — who still experience trauma — we need to highlight moments just like that, refreshing alternatives to other, equally significant histories. My unicorns are black. It pushes at the idea of what fantasy can be. A unicorn is not a real thing. Why can't it be another color?"

That made me think of an old TV clip I recently saw of Carl Sagan on "The Tonight Show" in the late 1970s. Johnny Carson asks what he thought of "Star Wars." Sagan found it a failure of science and imagination: Despite its galaxy far, far away, where any life-forms that do exist would look nothing like Earthlings, most of the main characters are white humans. Adams, similarly, reveals the limitations of our cultural imagination. Or maybe, he just brings the art world up to date. Last year, when "Funtime Unicorns" was installed in Rockefeller Center in Manhattan, Adams was tagged often on social media by New Yorkers, visitors, kids, adults — "not just Black people," he says — all riding the unicorns.

When I went to Navy Pier the other day to check out the unicorns, I found children and parents and out-of-towners on the sculptures, but when I asked what they thought of the unicorns, not one person (regardless of race) had made the connection that these were *black* unicorns. Only when I told them about Adams did the color of the riding horse register.

Which suggests Adams is on to something.

Luckily then, Chicago is getting its Derrick Adams moment this summer.

Besides the Navy Pier works (installed to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the EXPO Chicago art exhibition), Adams recently had a show of paintings at the Rhona Hoffman Gallery (which has given him three shows in five years). Also, through July 5, "Funtime Unicorn: Ruby Rides Through Four Seasons," an animated short, will be shown nightly against the building known as Merchandise Mart, as a part of ongoing Art on the Mart projections.

Indeed, in a gallery setting, Adams' works *pop* with color, warmth and a remarkable feel for interlocking shapes, avoiding the didactic yet nearly daring a viewer to find fault with images as mundane as Black adults on pool floaties and Black children playing with puppets. One of his larger paintings, "Town & Country," is a sorta self-portrait of a Black man with a full beard and a hipster hat, walking into the woods, offering, as Adams has said, the image of a Black man who is well-rounded, metropolitan but relaxed in nature.

Arguably, however, Adams is even sharper with public art.

Through June, his immersive mural "The City is My Refuge" fills the upper part of Penn Station in New York City with faces and bodies receding into a dense green jungle. For New York's Museum of Modern Art, he's made murals of cars in its windows, the drivers passing billboards for '90s Black cinema mainstays like "Juice." A couple years ago, for the Milwaukee Art Museum, he painted a 93-foot mural of several generations of that city's Black residents. This summer, he'll be part of an exhibition on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., that reworks monuments. He stops short of calling "Funtime Unicorns" a monument, but adds: "The old guard's attitude is 'This is there, it's going nowhere.' But I think the future of monuments is about the experience that the viewer is having with it."

He started taking playground toys seriously several years ago, when, as an elementary school teacher, he noticed how students influence students and the visual language of the equipment itself. "Kids, when they hit a playground, mirror their experience at home, but in a public space. So it becomes this political space where children are first socialized." That use of recognizable childhood objects carried over from one of his earliest works, made after leaving art school: He dressed a set of cheap African sculptures sold to American tourists in Ken and Barbie clothing, as a way of reflecting who those crudely conceived images were actually representing — Black Americans.

"I went through the academic art process," he said. "I am not thinking about the art world when I make something now. I'm interested in the people just walking by, who have no reason to stop, who weren't sent to this spot by a critic or a curator. They just happened to come across something that drew them in. It's an offering to a community."

Should you want a Funtime Unicorn, you can buy one: They cost $50,000 apiece. Some art collectors have bought one, some for their backyard, some for their home; Adams said he's been approached by people eager to donate them to city playgrounds.

But the ones at Navy Pier will not be sold, he said.

He likes the idea of his black unicorns lingering in a space for months, receding into the culture, feeling ordinary. He said he wasn't thinking about Black joy when he made them. He didn't even coin that phrase; critics and curators and fans did. But he'll take it. "I would prefer being associated with 'Black joy' to being called 'an artist of trauma.' Many Black artists are. I wouldn't want to be that. If I had to choose, I would prefer joy."

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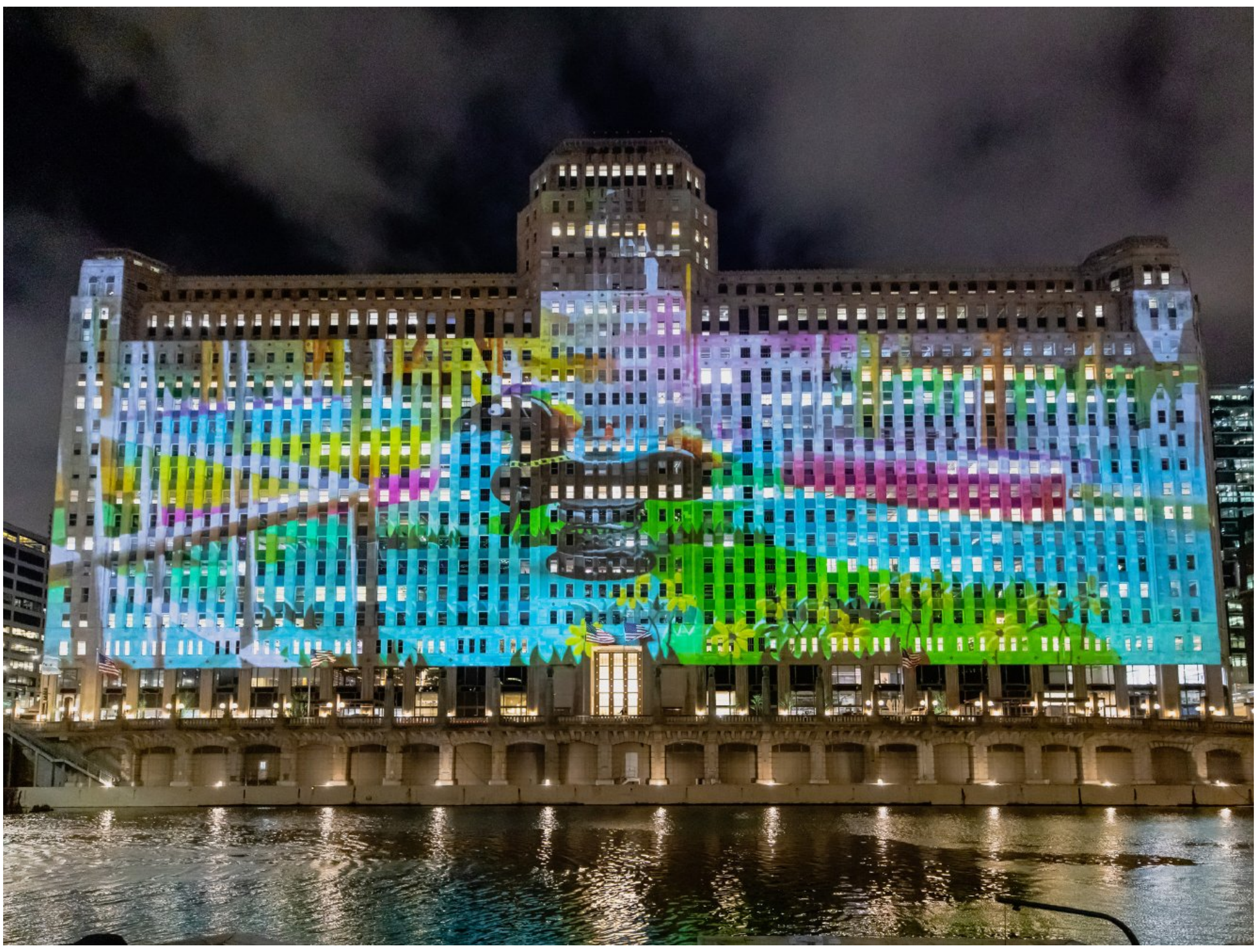
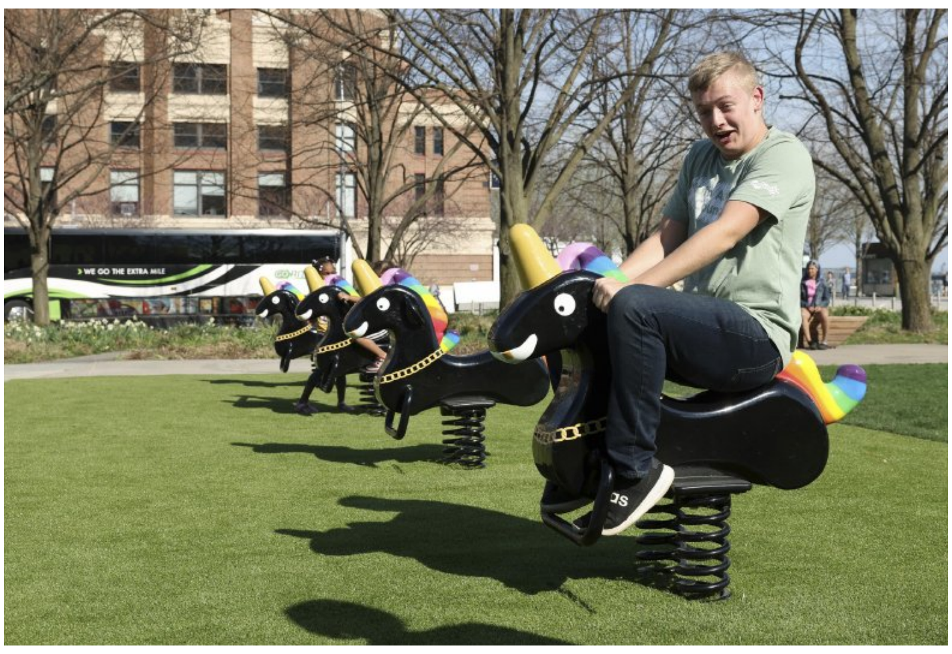


Derrick Adams' "Funtime Unicorn: Ruby Rides Through Four Seasons" is part of Art on the Mart, best viewed from the Riverwalk on Wacker Drive between Wells and Franklin Streets. **DAVID T. KINDLER**



Evan Bohus, 15, rides the Funtime Unicorns art installation by artist Derrick Adams at Navy Pier on April 14 in Chicago. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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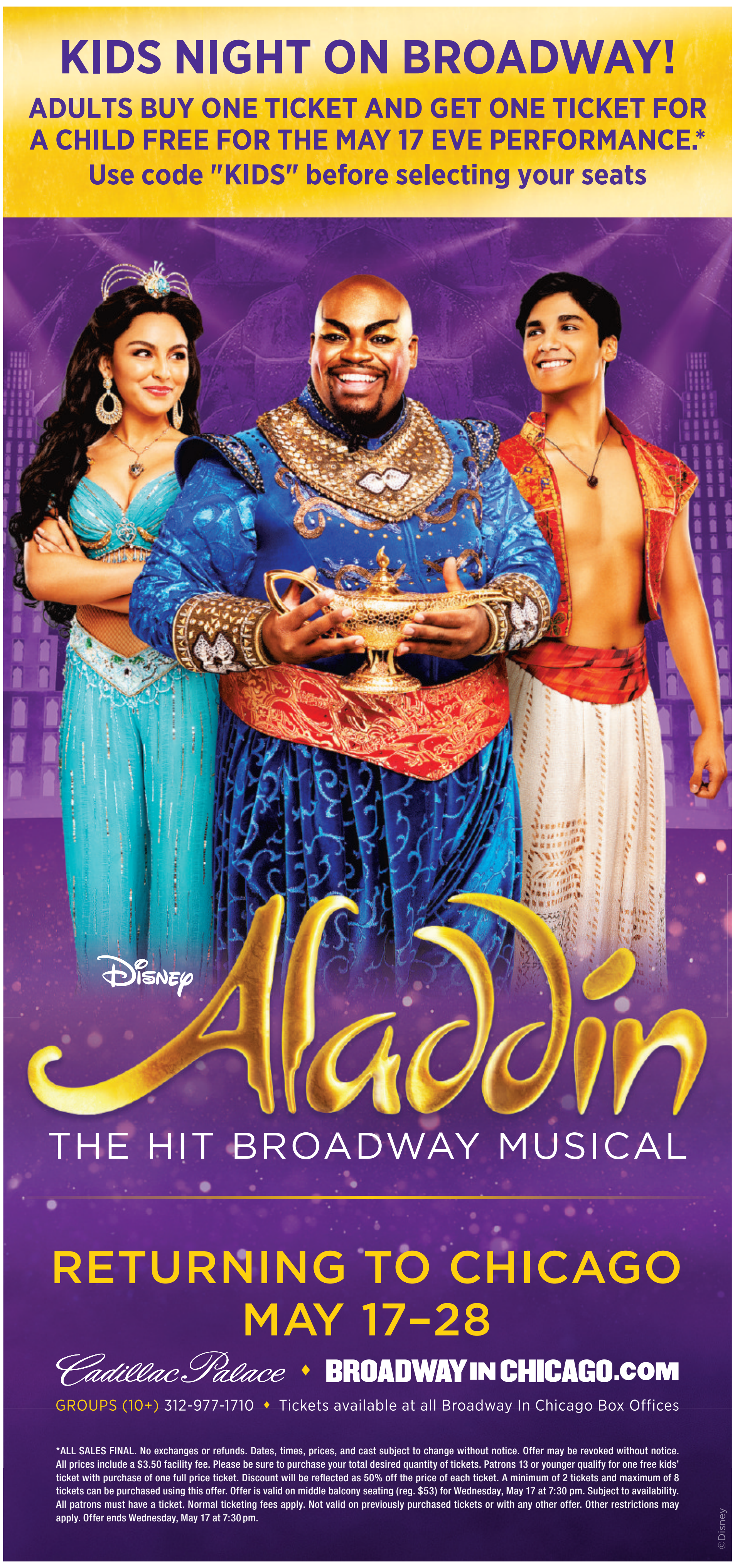

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Getting excited for upcoming memoir by Hannah Pittard

By John Warner
For the Chicago Tribune

This week I'm going to break a couple of the guidelines I try to hold myself to here.

One is that I try not to write about books that aren't already released and available to the public. Having been greatly irritated by reviews that tout a book that won't be out for a number of weeks (or even months), I have no wish to visit that irritation on anyone else.

However, I am breaking my own rule because I am so excited about this book, which will not be out until May 2, and want to be one of the first on record about its greatness.

The book? "We Are Too Many" by Hannah Pittard.

The book is billed as a memoir in which Pittard digs through her past and present in the aftermath of discovering that her husband is having an affair with her best friend, a discovery she makes as she is heading to New York on the eve of the release of her third novel ("Listen to Me") where she is to meet up with her husband and best friend.

While that hook is undeniably powerful, this inciting incident serves as a jumping-off point from which Pittard examines and interrogates the very stuff of love, marriage, relationships, grieving, and trying to be a whole and contented person in the world. The shock is a kind of crucible through which Pittard emerges, bringing, dare I say it, wisdom.

The other guideline I'm going to break is giving any credence to a book's jacket copy, which is often larded with hyperbole, an advertisement not to be trusted. But in this case, that copy calls the book, "Clever and bold and radically honest to an unthinkable degree," and my only response is that I couldn't have said it better myself.

As stunning as the book is, I was not entirely surprised. I have been a Pittard fan since her 2011 debut, "The Fates Will Find Their Way," a novel about a missing girl and the people marked by her absence. The book offers a rawness mixed with elegance, and shows an acuity of insight into the complexities of human feeling that is truly special. It's a book I've recommended often.

Her follow-up, "Reunion," is equally powerful, another story of absence, as the plot revolves around the sudden death of the narrator's father and the family secrets that are revealed as they gather to lay the man to rest.

"Listen to Me" is a gripping road trip horror novel that serves as the backdrop for a story of a crumbling marriage, a relationship that we find out in "We Are Too Many" significantly resembles Pittard's own.

"We Are Too Many" opens with a series of dialogues — some real, some remembered and some invented — which often mix humor and sadness in the span of several lines. In some ways, they read like an interrogation Pittard is conducting of her husband and her best friend, but Pittard is just as likely to turn the lens on herself as she wrestles with loving the two people who betrayed her.

In the second half of the book, Pittard takes the wreckage and holds it up to the world around us, wondering if anything other than what happened is even possible, if happiness and contentment are simply not in the cards for creatures as complex as humans.

Pittard's attempt to make sense of the senseless draws the reader toward the same questions. In the end, we are not only drawn into an intimacy with the author, but we may come to know ourselves better as well.

John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you've read.

1. **"They're Going to Love You"** by Meg Howrey
2. **"The Rabbit Hutch"** by Tess Gunty
3. **"Foster"** by Claire Keegan
4. **"Less Is Lost"** by Andrew Sean Greer
5. **"I'm Glad My Mom Died"** by Jennette McCurdy

— Mary G., Los Angeles

Mary is a good fit for a novel that mixes drama, humor, mystery and Irishness into an epic coming-of-age story: **"Skippy Dies"** by Paul Murray.

1. **"Eat the Document"** by Dana Spiotta
2. **"Lincoln in the Bardo"** by George Saunders
3. **"The Sense of Beauty"** by George Santayana
4. **"The Sympathizer"** by Viet Thanh Nguyen
5. **"Revolutionary Road"** by Richard Yates

— Bill T., San Francisco

My Biblioracle senses immediately said, "Louise Erdrich," so the tougher part is picking among a number of choice candidates. I'm going with **"The Round House."**

1. **"Book Lovers"** by Emily Henry
2. **"Lessons in Chemistry"** by Bonnie Garmus
3. **"Black Cake"** by Charmaine Wilkerson
4. **"Everything I Never Told You"** by Celeste Ng
5. **"The Last Thing He Told Me"** by Laura Dave

— Lisa P., Northbrook

I've got nothing against celebrity book clubs because I'm all for anything that gets people reading, but I think just about all of these are part of those clubs, so I'm going to recommend a book that is not on those lists, but is one that I think will be a good fit for Lisa, **"Happy All the Time"** by Laurie Colwin.

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What to watch

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All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

The Simpsons

FOX, 7 p.m.

Homer (voice of Dan Castellaneta) publicly disparages a pop singer and faces the ire of her vindictive and highly organized fan army. Jade Novah and Billy Eichner provide guest voices in the new episode "Fan-ily Feud."

Call the Midwife

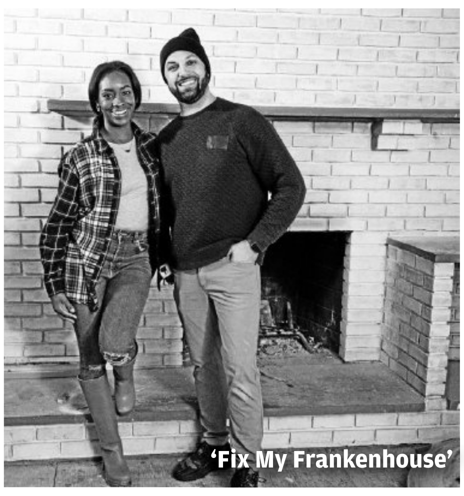
PBS, 7 p.m.

In episode 6, Sister Veronica (Rebecca Gethings) spearheads a new council initiative to monitor the health of working children in the borough. Meanwhile, Trixie (Helen George) is thrown into a challenging case involving an underage mother.

The Great North

FOX, 7:30 p.m.

Beef (voice of Nick Offerman) goes to great lengths to avoid celebrating his birthday in the new episode "Pa-shank Redemption Adventure."



'Fix My Frankenhouse'

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Ride

Hallmark Channel, 8 p.m.

In "When It Rains...," Cash (Beau Mirchoff) feels out of place when his biggest competition shows up.

Fix My Frankenhouse

HGTV, 8 p.m. ■ New Series

In the premiere episode, "My Franken-Kitchen," a couple has recently moved into their family's multigenerational home, and they've decided to renovate. Mike and Denese Butler are tasked with keeping some of the historical details intact while creating a major refresh with a functional, open floor plan.

Magnum P.I.

NBC, 8 p.m. ■ Midseason Finale

In the midseason finale, "Charlie Foxtrot," after an armed hit team lays siege on Robin's Nest, TC (Stephen Hill) is badly injured while Rick (Zachary Knighton) fights for his life.

Sanditon

PBS, 8 p.m. ■ Series Finale

As this Jane Austen adaptation comes to an end after three seasons, Charlotte (Rose Williams) desperately wants to tell Colbourne (Ben Lloyd-Hughes) the truth about her feelings, but a shocking revelation stops her in her tracks. Meanwhile, having opened her heart, Georgiana's (Crystal Clarke) worst fears are realized when she discovers that she has been abandoned.

NCIS: Los Angeles

CBS, 9 p.m.

The NCIS team must investigate when a Navy reservist is stabbed and his lab full of pesticides and insects is ransacked in the new episode "Sensu Lato."

The Blacklist

NBC, 9 p.m.

In "The Troll Farmer, Pt. 3," the task force races against the clock to recover a valuable asset stolen from the U.S. government, and Red (James Spader) hatches a plan to help track down the perpetrators.

Somebody Somewhere

HBO, 9:30 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The comedy following Sam (Bridget Everett), a Kansan struggling to fit the mold, returns for Season 2. Sam finds joy in singing, which leads her on a journey to discover herself and a community of outsiders.

CATCH A CLASSIC

Warner Bros. 100th Anniversary: The Superhero Era Begins

TCM, beginning at 7 p.m.

Marvel may rule the big-screen superhero game nowadays, but in the late 1970s and '80s, when the modern form of the comic-book feature film was being introduced, it was DC Comics — which is under the Warner umbrella — that dominated the box office. That came largely through the two Warner Bros. blockbusters, starring DC's two most popular characters, that are airing tonight as part of Turner Classic Movies' monthlong celebration of the studio's centennial. Up first, though, there is a cartoon: director Chuck Jones' classic 1953 Merrie Melodies animated short **Duck Dodgers in the 24½th Century,** starring Daffy Duck, Porky Pig and Marvin the Martian. Then, the evening's comic-book-themed double feature takes off with **Superman** (1978), in which Christopher Reeve cemented himself as the quintessential big-screen Man of Steel. Several elements of the film — Reeve's interplay with Margot Kidder as Lois Lane, director Richard Donner's deft ability to re-create the colorful feel of a comic book without descending into camp, visual effects that earned a Special Achievement Oscar and followed through on the film's tag line that "You'll believe a man can fly," and John Williams' rousing, Oscar-nominated musical score — combine to give this production an enduring magic that subsequent Superman films have not been able to duplicate. Following that is Tim Burton's 1989 blockbuster

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Batman (pictured). Just as Superman has forever linked Reeve with his screen character in the minds of many, so, too, did this film make Michael Keaton the favorite big-screen Batman/Bruce Wayne to a lot of people, as unlikely as that might have seemed before the film was released. Likewise, Jack Nicholson's brilliantly crazed and iconic performance as Jack Napier/Joker has cast a long shadow over other actors who have since portrayed that legendary supervillain.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE

'Sonic the Hedgehog'

PARAMOUNT PICTURES AND SEGA OF AMERICA

Moneyball (2011, Drama) Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill **AMC, 5 p.m.**

The Breakfast Club (1985, Comedy-drama) Emilio Estevez, Molly Ringwald **CMT, 5 p.m.**

The Magnificent Seven (2016, Western) Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt **Vice, 5 p.m.**

Hoosiers (1986, Drama) Gene Hackman, Barbara Hershey **BBC America, 5:30 p.m.**

Training Day (2001, Crime drama) Denzel Washington, Ethan Hawke **VH1, 5:30 p.m.**

Avengers: Infinity War (2018, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth **FX, 6 p.m.**

Rocky III (1982, Drama) Sylvester Stallone **Sundance, 6:30 p.m.**

Clueless (1995, Comedy) Alicia Silverstone, Stacey Dash **CMT, 7 p.m.**

Sonic the Hedgehog (2020, Family) James Marsden, Jim Carrey **Nick, 7 p.m.**

Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard (2021, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson **BET, 7 p.m.**

Ready or Not (2019, Horror) Samara Weaving, Adam Brody **FXM, 8 p.m.**

Selena (1997, Biography) Jennifer Lopez, Edward James Olmos **VH1, 8 p.m.**

You Can Never Go Home Again (2021, Suspense) Maria Breese, Omar Gooding **LMN, 9 p.m.**

From the editors of TV Weekly and tvinsider.com

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Crack open these tempting recommendations

Recently released memoirs, novel, poetry among 5 choices for your next great read

DREAMSTIME

By Laurie Hertzel
Minneapolis Star Tribune

I get hundreds of books every month, but there's only enough room to write about a few. Choosing is painful!

So here's a bonus: five books from this season that I enjoyed. If you aren't tempted by one, maybe you'll be tempted by another.

'Once Upon a Tome: The Misadventures of a Rare Bookseller' by Oliver Darkshire, W.W. Norton, $27.95: Yes, another memoir of a British bookseller, but this one is special — witty, literary and very funny.

Oliver Darkshire fell into bookselling largely to avoid office work, his "recurring nightmare of cowering miserably in a cubicle." He ended up at Henry Sotheran Ltd., a London antiquarian bookstore, where "the pay was Victorian, the expected duties nebulous, and the whole thing had an air of desperation about it."

His memoir introduces us to hardworking but quirky colleagues, a wide range of peculiar customers (one of whom looks like "a vole in a woolly jumper") and the various cubbyholes and catacombs of the ancient shop.

Darkshire writes with self-deprecating humor; in one chapter his attempt to retrieve a book that Sotheran had purchased at auction is doomed from the moment he arrives at the auction house.

"The interior was a maze of unhelpful signs and mood lighting, with the mood of the day being disapproval."

The purchased book apparently cannot be released without a signature from one of several authorized booksellers — all of whom are dead.

The Misadventures of a Rare Bookseller
Once Upon a Tome
by Oliver Darkshire

'ONCE UPON A TOME'
By Oliver Darkshire;
W.W. Norton & Company,
256 pages, $27.95.

This book is a delight; Darkshire's tone is everything. Even the footnotes made me chuckle.

'This Isn't Going to End Well: The True Story of a Man I Thought I Knew' by Daniel Wallace, Algonquin, $28: It's true that this book doesn't end well — that is, it doesn't end happily — but you know that from the first page.

Daniel Wallace's memoir is about his friendship with artist William Nealy, who happened to be his brother-in-law but before that was the coolest kid in town and one of the kindest. "The kind of man who could be dropped into the middle of the jungle with no more than a half-chewed piece of bubble gum, a piece of dental floss, and the pop-top from a cola can and somehow still save your life."

This is the moving story of a guy who inspired and loved, created and cared, but could not fix the broken part of himself and died at his own hand far too young. Piercingly sad, but beautiful.

'Mary and Mr. Eliot: A Sort of Love Story' by Mary Trevelyan and Erica Wagner, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, $30: A fascinating story of mismatched love — the love that Mary Trevelyan felt for T.S. Eliot was romantic; the love Eliot returned was platonic. For 20 years, they were close friends. Eliot sat in front of her fire in his shirtsleeves, nursing his gin, while Mary bustled about cooking dinner. Was it any wonder she thought they might marry?

The book consists of her journal entries as well as correspondence between the two, annotated by writer and editor Erica Wagner.

Trevelyan was deeply hurt when Eliot suddenly announced that he was marrying his secretary, a woman nearly 40 years his junior. The friendship with Mary did not survive, and the final letters between the two will make your heart ache. She is stoic and dignified; he is callous.

My only quibble is that Wagner's annotations are in italics and sometimes go on for many pages, making them tedious to read when they are actually illuminating.

'I Think I Know You' by Julie Gard, FutureCycle Press, $15.95: Author Julie Gard — a professor at the University of Wisconsin in Superior — sent me this collection of prose poems because she wanted to share one about a dog, which I loved so much I have it almost memorized ("Northwest Ontario").

But I went on to read the other poems, too (including "Duluth News Tribune"), and I liked them all, firmly grounded in place — mostly northern Minnesota, but also Russia, Ukraine and elsewhere.

They are vivid and irresistible, from stitched-together snippets of conversations overheard in a coffee shop to a list of items offered at a garage sale at the home of late poet Louis Jenkins.

The final section consists of 51 texts that Gard sent to herself, one each morning.

Despite the darkness in many of these poems, she ends with cautious hope, "and anyone who wants to understand can enter our house at the edge of what's coming."

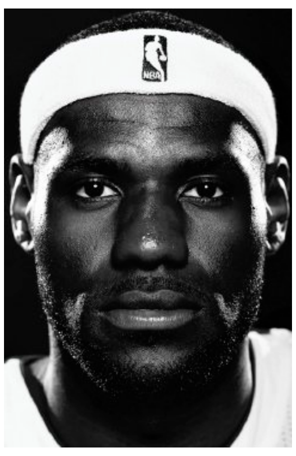
'Someone Else's Shoes' by Jojo Moyes, Pamela Dorman Books/Viking, $29: This big fat novel from Jojo Moyes is pure escapism. Set in London, it alternates between two women, polar opposites, who accidentally switch bags at the local gym, a mistake with enormous repercussions.

Sam — a sad-sack executive — grabs Nisha's bag and finds inside an expensive pair of high heels, which give her confidence a boost. Nisha — the dumped aging trophy wife of a billionaire — is desperate to get those shoes back, for a lot of reasons.

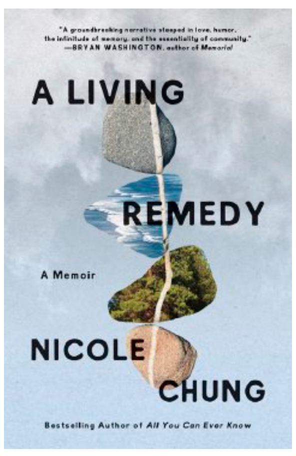
This book is about women finding their voice and being seen in middle age. It has a completely implausible plot, and it's a complete hoot to read.

NONFICTION REVIEWS

Bio lays out remarkable NBA career



'LEBRON'
By Jeff Benedict; Avid Reader Press/Simon & Schuster, 576 pages, $32.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'A LIVING REMEDY'
By Nicole Chung; Ecco, 256 pages, $29.99.

LeBron James has lived a very public life. Who can forget the 2002 Sports Illustrated cover anointing him "The Chosen One" when he was just 17? Now 38, he has done thousands of interviews, spoken out on a variety of social justice issues, earned more than a billion dollars as an athlete and businessman, and — oh, yeah — won four NBA championships with three different teams.

But until now, no writer has packaged his life story into one narrative. Jeff Benedict, who co-wrote the bestselling "Tiger Woods" with Armen Keteyian, follows the same playbook here. He spent years combing through the public record, watching hours of video footage and talking to hundreds of people from different stages of James' life to craft "LeBron." The book serves as both an origin story for the NBA legend and an examination of how James changed the role of superstar athlete in so many ways — from business to entertainment to politics.

Readers who don't already know the beats of James' life will find them all here. Even those who already know will appreciate the perspective Benedict provides when it comes to just how much James changed the perception of what it means to be a modern athlete.

Benedict didn't interview James directly for the book, but that fact drives home one of the book's main themes — James built his empire by surrounding himself with an inner circle of close friends, all of whom he met before adulthood. His fame now allows him to seek advice from and partner with other influential people, but Team LeBron at its core is still his high school teammate Maverick Carter; fellow Ohio native Randy Mims; and his now-agent Rich Paul, who James met in 2002 when Paul was a young entrepreneur selling vintage sports jerseys.

"LeBron" makes a compelling argument about just how remarkable it is that a player of James' magnitude has lived a scandal-free life and, in fact, has focused his platform and celebrity on meaningful issues like Black Lives Matter or inner city education.

The young boy who wrote "NBA Player/NBA Player/NBA Player" when asked to write down three things he wanted to be when he grew up is arguably now the most influential NBA player of all time. That's the story Benedict tells in what — for now — is the definitive biography of LeBron James. — *Rob Merrill, Associated Press*

In 2018, Nicole Chung published the bestseller, "All You Can Ever Know," about being put up for adoption by her Korean parents and raised by a white couple in rural Oregon. Within a few years of finishing the book, her adoptive parents were dead, her dad at age 67 and her mom at age 68. The latter occurred at the start of the pandemic, when it was all but impossible for Chung, who by then had a husband and two young children of her own, to spend time with her.

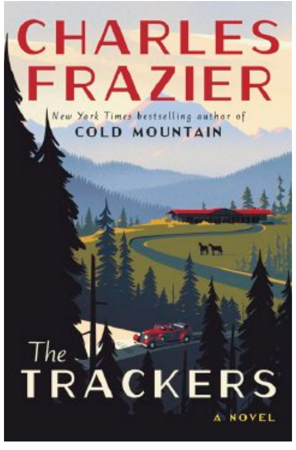
Chung, 41, a magazine writer who lives in the Washington, D.C., area, has now written a follow-up memoir, "A Living Remedy," about the unbearable grief of watching one parent, then the other, die, and her debilitating guilt about not being able to do more to help them.

When Chung was growing up, her dad managed pizza restaurants, and her mom worked mostly office jobs. They had limited or no health insurance, and when he became gravely ill, he was too young for Medicare and too proud to apply for disability. As a young person, she had always thought of herself as middle class. When her parents got sick, she finally understood that they were poor.

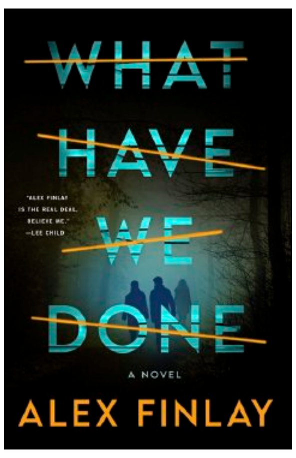
We learn that Chung's dad was an avid Cleveland sports fan, that her mom once had waist-length red hair. But despite her great love for them, the characters never come alive on the page. "A Living Remedy" is most powerful when Chung frames the story of her parents' deaths as an unnecessary tragedy brought on by the broken health care system in this country. — *Ann Levin, Associated Press*

FICTION REVIEWS

Post-Depression tale traverses US



'THE TRACKERS'
By Charles Frazier; Ecco, 336 pages, $30.



'WHAT HAVE WE DONE'
By Alex Finlay; Minotaur Books, 368 pages, $27.99.

The characters that populate Charles Frazier's new novel "The Trackers" are all searching for something.

The narrator, Val, has journeyed from Virginia to Wyoming in 1937 to paint a mural in a post office as part of the Works Progress Administration, one of FDR's projects to employ artists in the wake of the Great Depression. His local hosts are a wealthy rancher, John Long, and his wife, Eve. Long aspires to the U.S. Senate, and Eve, before she met him, rode the rails as a transient and sang in a swing band.

The book's plot accelerates when Eve disappears and Long enlists Val to find out where she went and why. The landscape shifts from Wyoming to Florida to Seattle to San Francisco as Val travels the country, searching for Eve and revealing secrets that will change everything between the trio.

Frazier deftly blends a historical perspective throughout his fictional tale. The legacy of the Great Depression and America's efforts to advance beyond it are omnipresent — from the ramshackle "Hoovervilles" populated by knife-wielding unhoused teens to the gleaming new airport in Tampa, Florida, where Val flies hoping to learn something about Jake, a young man Eve may or may not have married during her rail-riding days.

But just when you think Val is too cynical after living through the Great Depression, he finds Eve at a nightclub in San Francisco. It's her story — and Val's connection with her — that sparks hope and sets in motion the novel's climax.

There's a lot more worth savoring in "The Trackers," including reflections on the meaning of art, the mythos of the American West and what it really takes to start again. But Val is our narrator, and after a transcontinental adventure, the book satisfyingly ends where it began, with Val working on his mural in Dawes, Wyoming, adding a couple of final details to complete the painting. — *Rob Merrill, Associated Press*

Five teenagers stood together in the dark and took turns firing a .22 caliber pistol into a shallow grave. Then they fell to their knees and swept dirt into it with their bare hands.

That's how Alex Finlay's "What Have We Done" starts, but who they killed and why is not revealed until late in this suspenseful thriller. Twenty-five years later, all five appear to be successful. Donnie is a rock star. Nico is the executive producer of a reality TV show. Arty is a high-tech millionaire. Benny is a judge. And Jenna recently retired from a career with a secretive government agency. But Donnie is an addict, Nico is a compulsive gambler and all are haunted by their past, which the author gradually reveals in a series of flashbacks.

The five had become friends when they were residents of Savior House, a rural Chestertown, Pennsylvania, group home for unhoused teenagers. It was a terrible place where they were both physically and psychologically abused. Worse, teenage girls frequently went missing from the home. The disappearances were explained as runaways, but the five suspected something evil was afoot.

The action begins when the judge is murdered. Then someone tries to kill Donnie by throwing him off a cruise ship, and Nico is lured into a mine shaft and deliberately trapped in a cave-in. Both manage to escape, but before long, they and Jenna suspect that they are being targeted because of what they did at that long-ago grave. Together they make their way back to the now-abandoned group home to look for answers.

The first two books written under the pen name Finlay have earned the novelist a reputation for producing suspenseful, fast-paced thrillers. As usual, his characters are well-drawn, his writing is tight and vivid and he keeps readers guessing with a series of twists and red herrings all the way to his new yarn's violent conclusion. — *Bruce DeSilva, Associated Press*

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4 female artists mount a Chicago exhibit titled ‘How On Earth.’ Their work is about the viscerality of impending climate change, they say.

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‘There is no flag for poor rights’

Matthew Desmond’s new book looks at why America, the wealthiest country in the world, has so much poverty — and what to do about it, writes Heidi Stevens

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ASK AMY

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Abandoned child plagued by guilt from mom

Dear Amy: I was abandoned by my mother and adopted by another family at 18 months old.

Thirty years later, I located my birth parents. My father declined to meet. I met my birth mother and spent time getting to know her. In the years since reuniting, she has stolen from me, lied to me and cut me with her cruelty.

I reached a point where I decided that as much as I wanted a mother, I did not need or want a toxic relationship in my life, and I stopped communicating with her. I did explain to her why I was going to stop communicating. Her reply was, "I'll see you in hell."

Months passed without any word from her.

Over the last few days, I've heard from her several times. She apparently had a fall and is in a nursing home and needs help, because she wants to go home. I continue to struggle with a sense of responsibility toward her, even though I know that she is poison for me.

My friends and family say that I don't owe her anything, but she's my mother, she gave birth to me, and although she's never done anything for me, it doesn't seem to matter. If I don't help her, I feel guilty. If I do help her, I feel worthless and used.

I also recognize that she will die soon, and I don't want guilt for not helping her to eat me up. Please offer some guidance.

— Bewildered Daughter in Carolina

Dear Bewildered: I agree with your friends and family that you do not owe your birth mother anything – or much of anything. In my view, all of your actions now should be focused on your own health and emotional well-being.

Do not give into your mother's manipulations. Do let this episode guide you toward your own higher purpose.

Human compassion might inspire you to try to assist someone in pain, and there are ways to do this without becoming too emotionally involved.

The facility where your birth mother is residing likely has a social worker on staff. This person could review your mother's situation with you and discuss options. If you are willing to talk to your mother, you could review what options she may have with her.

No, she cannot live with you. No, you cannot assume care for her in her home. But you may be able to ensure that she has a safe environment to live in. If she has no other family members, you might step up to be the contact person for her care facility.

Dear Amy: My father died about a year ago and left his house to me and my two sisters. He informed us verbally before he died that the house is split evenly to each of us in thirds.

One sister was left in charge of his estate. Unfortunately, she recently lost her husband after a long illness and has been grieving. My father's house has just been sitting there, with no one living in it.

How should I approach her to talk about the affairs of the house without causing an issue during her time of grief?

— Concerned Sibling

Dear Concerned: You might ask your sister if dealing with your father's estate is a burden for her, and if so, you could offer to support her more in sorting through the various details and legal aspects of dealing with this property.

This important job can be overwhelming and has reduced many a grieving person to become paralyzed.

I suggest that you speak to your sister gently and compassionately, while also being brave enough to express your concerns about the house: "I'd like to talk about Dad's estate. Would you like to set up a specific time for the three of us to talk?"

You and your other siblings should review the will and other documentation and do your best to approach this as a team.

Dear Amy: "Not Informed" is the retired officer who said his wife never gave him the chance to review their tax forms. Yet every joint tax return must be signed by both spouses.

Don't sign what you don't understand!

Unfortunately, e-signatures can make it easy for one spouse to pose as the other and fraudulently sign for them.

I know a controlling spouse who did that repeatedly to keep his wife in the dark. Red flags for sure!

— A Sharing Spouse

Dear Sharing Spouse: A great point! Thank you.

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‘There is no flag for poor rights’

Heidi Stevens
Balancing Act

It was a gift of a day. Wrapped in sunshine and high 70s, its contents waiting to be discovered and delighted in. Birdsong and tree buds and the occasional daffodil signaled something new on the horizon.

On Chicago’s South Side, inside the University of Chicago’s Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy and Practice, hundreds of students, faculty and other interested parties gathered to hear Pulitzer Prize-winning author Matthew Desmond discuss his new book, “Poverty, by America.”

“I do think there’s a hunger for something different in America,” Desmond told the crowd.

Hope springs eternal. (Especially in April.)

Desmond was in conversation with MacArthur Fellow and University of Chicago associate professor Reuben Jonathan Miller, a scholar whose research examines race, justice and poverty. (Full disclosure: I am also employed by the University of Chicago.)

Early in their dialogue, Miller handed Desmond a dog-eared copy of “Poverty, by America” and asked him to read aloud a passage Miller had selected.

“Poverty is embarrassing, shame-inducing,” Desmond read. “You feel it in the degradation rituals of the welfare office, where you are made to wait half a day for a 10-minute appointment with a caseworker who seems annoyed you showed up. You feel it when you go home to an apartment with cracked windows and cupboards full of cockroaches, an infestation the landlord blames on you. You feel it in how effortlessly poor people are omitted from movies and television shows and popular music and children’s books, erasures reminding you of your own irrelevance to wider society. You may believe, in the quieter moments, the lies told about you.

“You avoid public places — parks, beaches, shopping districts, sporting arenas — knowing they weren’t built for you.”

He asked Miller if he should keep going.

A little more, Miller nudged.

“Poverty might consume your life, but it’s rarely embraced as an identity. It’s more socially acceptable today to disclose a mental illness than to tell someone you’re broke. When politicians propose antipoverty legislation, they say it will help ‘the middle class.’ When social movement organizers mobilize for higher wages or housing justice, they announce that they are fighting on behalf of ‘working people’ or ‘families’ or ‘tenants’ or ‘the many.’

“When the poor take to the streets, it’s usually not under the banner of poverty,” Desmond continued. “There is no flag for poor rights, after all.”

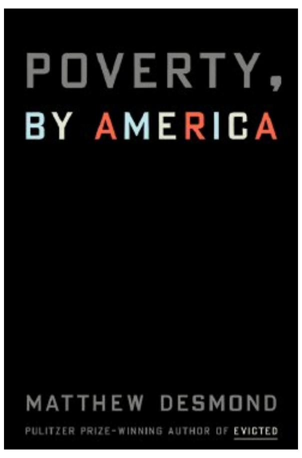
Desmond grew up poor.

“Poverty might consume your life, but it’s rarely embraced as an identity,” writes Matthew Desmond in “Poverty, by America.” **PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE**

His family lost their home when he was a child, and when he made it to graduate school, he immersed himself in research around the housing crisis. He moved to a mobile home park in Milwaukee, then a rooming house.

“In the years since,” he writes, “I have met poor Americans around the country striving for dignity and justice — or just plain survival, which can be hard enough.”

The United States is the richest country on Earth, but almost 1 in 9 Americans live in poverty — a higher rate than any other advanced democracy, he writes. More than 1 million public school children are homeless.



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“Poverty, by America” asks why.

“We’ll often hear, ‘In a world of scarce resources, what do we do with those resources?’ ” he told the crowd. “But we’re not in a world of scarce resources.”

His book examines how our tax policies, the mortgage industry, worker exploitation, predatory lending, declines in union membership and other factors exacerbate — and benefit from — poverty.

“Are we — we the secure, the insured, the housed, the college-educated, the protected, the lucky — connected to all this needless suffering?” he writes. “This book is my attempt to answer that question. Which makes this a book about poverty that is not just about the poor. Instead, it’s a book about how the other half lives, and how some lives are made small so that others may grow.”

It’s also an invitation to conjure our better angels. To care enough to interrogate the easy narratives about poverty, to devote a slice of our hearts and a pocket of our minds to understanding how it got this way and, importantly, how we fix it.

It’s possible, Desmond argues. Lyndon B. Johnson’s war on poverty cut the poverty rate in half within a decade.

“We used to have real ambitions to abolish poverty in this country, and we lost that moral urgency,” he said to his audience. “And I’d like to ask us to rekindle that.”

He urged the audience to visit endpovertyusa.org, a site that provides state-by-state facts about poverty, as well as how to get involved in abolishing it.

And the final chapter of his book is devoted to potential solutions: Congress could compel the IRS to crack down on tax avoidance by multinational corporations and wealthy families. The corporate tax rate, the lowest it’s been in 80 years, could be bumped up. We could all urge our representatives to support deep antipoverty investments.

The book ends with a wallop, and if you don’t want the ending spoiled, stop reading here. But it also reads to me like a beginning — maybe the start of that something different in America Desmond referenced during his talk.

“The end of poverty is something to stand for, to march for, to sacrifice for,” he writes. “Because poverty is a dream killer, the capability destroyer, the great waster of human potential. It is a misery and a national disgrace, one that belies any claim to our greatness. The citizens of the richest nation in the world can and should finally put an end to it.

“We don’t need to outsmart this problem,” he concludes. “We need to outhate it.”

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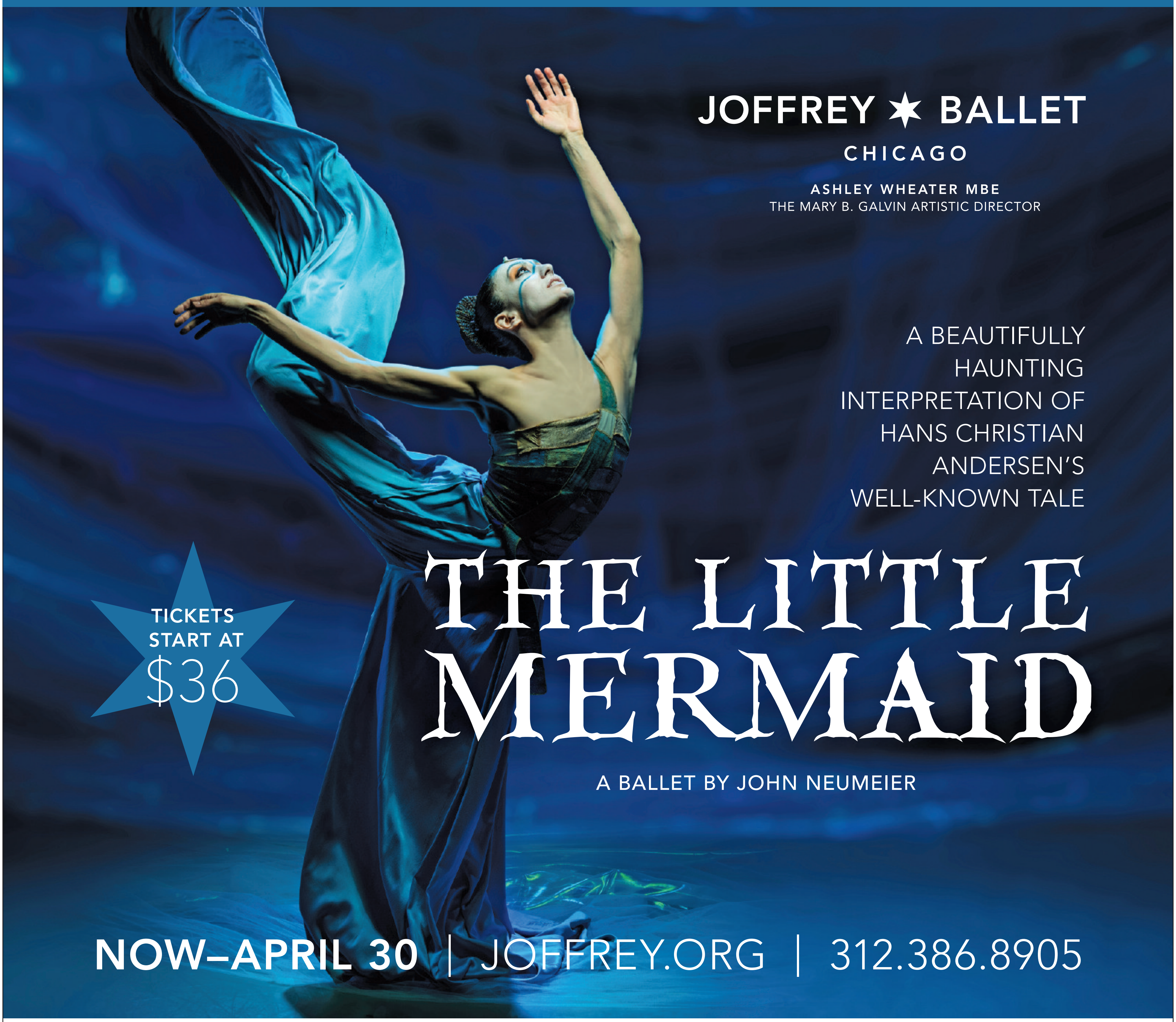

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Alex Hardaway, who wrote a song about all of his neighbors in his 15-unit apartment building during the pandemic, is seen outside his Andersonville home April 5.
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'It's good to reach out to people'

The pandemic brought an Andersonville man closer to his neighbors — and inspired his album of songs about each of them

By Darcel Rockett
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Hardaway says we can afford a bit more "Hello, neighbor! How was your day?" in our lives.

When the world was isolating in pandemic bubbles, Alex Hardaway was channeling his inner Bob McGrath — the late "Sesame Street" character who sang the "People in Your Neighborhood" song.

Hardaway began a marathon music project — his first solo album, called "Be My Neighborhood," where he wrote a song for each of his neighbors in his 15-unit Andersonville apartment building. The album debuted Thursday.

During the height of the pandemic Hardaway, a longtime employee at Oiistar Japanese restaurant, had started doing maintenance work around the building to chip some money off his rent. That led him to meet all his fellow tenants. The 33-year-old graduate of The Theatre School at DePaul University said a lot of his musical material comes from real-life interactions.

"All the songs are kind of about me and my relationship with these people and my own psyche," Hardaway said. "If you listen ... you'll hear that it's a lot of second-guessing and chewing on what interactions took place, or just a script of exact conversations that I just had with these people."

It took the better part of three years for the Arlington, Texas, native to compose the music, write the lyrics, find professional orchestral musicians willing to play instruments on the album (for a modest fee) that matched the personality of each neighbor and get his work mastered by Adam Selzer, who has done audio production work for bands like the Lumineers, the Decemberists and She & Him.

Hardaway played the guitar, mandolin, bass, ukulele and some percussion instruments while his girlfriend, Tuckie White, an actor, playwright and writer, sang backup vocals in a coat closet-turned-studio.

The result is a folksy album with 13 songs with names such as "Kasey and the Girl She Lives With," "Keva and Miranda," "Shea and Sheena" and "Seamus."

Seamus is a neighbor who tends to nod his head in greeting to Hardaway without engaging in a traditional sense. His song's lyrics include:

"What you do is like a magic trick
slipping away in the blink of an eye
waving hands while looking confused
Has got to work for you most of the time."

Hardaway said the "Leanne and Anthony" song centers on how people can be socially awkward and send mixed signals.

"We both had young dogs that would play together, and I just could not keep the ball in the air conversationally with them," he said. "It was dead silence most of the time, and I chewed about that for a long time.

"We're fine now, but when I was writing these songs I was feeling like I would see them four blocks down the street, and we would make eye contact and they would just take a bold right. Like they thought there's no way we're gonna walk into that dude.' "

The musical interludes entail many of the things people who share walls endure — everything from noise created when your ceiling is someone else's floor and convincing those we live by to give us a chance to show we're good people.

Neighbor Tim Dean's song tells of the day his cat didn't survive a tussle with a neighbor's dog. Hardaway described the moment when he had to tell Dean about the incident and why calling out to his late cat was futile.

"I was like, 'Hey, I know you're Tim and I'm Alex. I have some awful news, my friend,' " Hardaway said. "He just sat down and was like, 'I cannot believe that happened.' I wanted to write a song about that moment because it's so hard when you have to deliver news like that to someone you don't know."

Dean, a clinical psychologist, said he's honored to be included. His favorite tracks are "Shea and Sheena" and "Larry."

"Larry's a very sweet man," Dean said. "He worked for the CTA for like 30 years. His song is about him retiring. Larry is the one that helped my cat the most, took my cat to the vet. ... Larry's the other protagonist in my song."

Sheena Roque knew about Hardaway's album but has since moved to Evanston with her fiance, Shea. She admits to being a "keeping to herself" kind of person, but when she met Hardaway it was refreshing.

"He's the most neighborly neighbor we've ever had," she said. "My fiance and I are planning on getting married sometime this year. I would love to play the song at the wedding because it's a song about us."

"I got really lucky because I met some really great humans making this thing," Hardaway said. "This project snowballed into something I never imagined, and the cherry on top came when Adam Selzer stepped in for the finishing touches."

Hardaway reached out to Selzer on a jobs website with a long email about his project. Selzer, a producer from Portland, Oregon, responded.

He said it's not common to get a project as interesting as what Hardaway put together. Hardaway and Selzer said Andy Shauf's 2016 album, "The Party," which describes the people seen at a party, is the only album they're aware of that takes a similar bent. Hardaway said it got him thinking about how the mundane could be musical.

"I've always been really drawn to albums that have some sort of common thread, and his idea of using his apartment and creating all these worlds for these characters just sounded really interesting to me," Selzer said. "Each song had a different featured orchestral instrument. And I thought that was so cool because it had this whole separate identity with an instrument that was unique to that song compared to the rest of the album."

"Be My Neighborhood" was an uphill climb for Hardaway. He would create four or five songs for each person and would then have to choose which best represented them.

"It started out as a big exercise, but it became way bigger than I thought it could be," he said. "I'm just a chatty Texas boy and I like to find out what's going on with people. I don't know why I'm very curious, but if more than my mom hears this record, I'll be thrilled."

Hardaway says we can afford a bit more "Hello, neighbor! How was your day?" in our lives.

"It's good to reach out to people," he said. "When I pass people on the street, I try to smile and say 'Howdy' or something like that. Over the pandemic I started talking to this older man who lives down the street, a retired flight attendant and a wonderful piano player.

"I told him I heard him through the window. Two days later I'm in his apartment and he's playing piano for me, feeding me wine, and we're getting into a deep conversation about where we're from. It's so interesting what can happen if you just look up, look someone in the eyes and say hello.

"It can take you a lot of places."

"Be My Neighborhood" is available on platforms like Bandcamp. Follow @cowboy_shoes for more information.

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4 female artists mount a Chicago exhibit on climate issues

By Nell Salzman
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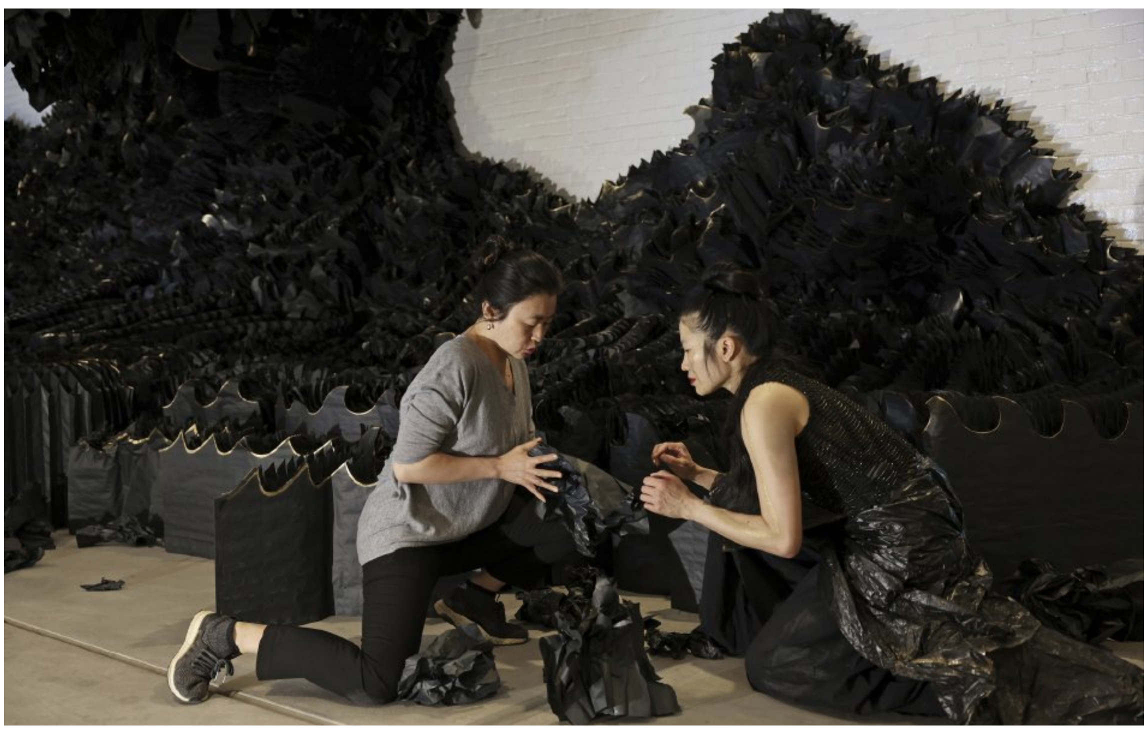
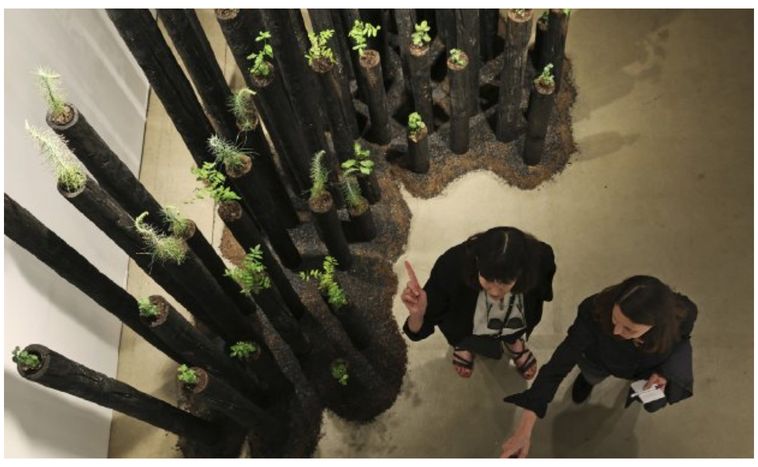


Mixed media artist Jennifer Wen Ma, left, and performance artist Irene Hsiao talk through ideas of Hsiao's upcoming public interaction with Ma's art installation titled "Turn of the Tide."



Artist Janet Biggs, right, and her sister, Karen Berman, discuss artworks while standing next to saplings planted atop tree trunks in an installation by artist Lily Kwong, titled "MOTHERFIRE," on display in an exhibit at the EXPO Chicago art exhibition at Navy Pier. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

When artist Jennifer Wen Ma moved from Beijing to the United States at age 12, she took a drawing class so she could avoid speaking English.

Growing up in China, she wanted to be a writer, she said. But after moving she struggled to express herself in her second language.

"But then (drawing) became such a wonderful outlet for me to pour myself into," Ma said. "Words, language, syntax were not in the way."

In advance of Earth Day, Ma was one of four female artists who came together earlier this month to present "How On Earth," an exhibition put together by the Natural Resources Defense Council and the nonprofit Art at a Time Like This.

Janet Biggs, Lily Kwong, Helina Metaferia and Ma were among hundreds of exhibitors who participated in the 10th anniversary of EXPO Chicago, an international art fair held at Navy Pier's Festival Hall from April 13-16. Biggs, Metaferia and Ma spoke about their work during a panel discussion April 14.

"The women involved in this particular exhibit are generals and powerhouses who want to see our planet rescued," said Barbara Pollack, co-founder and president of ATLT.

The exhibit was curated and executed by an all-female team in part to show how women with children are often disproportionately affected by drought and other natural disasters, said Biggs.

Though her background is in painting, sculpture and glass, Biggs gravitates toward film.

"It's so immersive," she said. "I wanted to explore an idea about autonomy and power structures, and convey the way that I experience the world, which is always moving and absolutely immersive."

Her film work takes her all over the world, running into active volcanoes in Indonesia and traipsing through rainforests in the Amazon.

Biggs' contribution to the exhibit was a three-channel video — three screens that were synchronized and worked off each other. Scenes from a Yemeni refugee camp in Djibouti in the Horn of Africa were juxtaposed with images from a Mars simulation.

Biggs said the Mars simulation comes from a group of international scientists and engineers who wear space suits and live as if they were on Mars conducting research, with hope of one day going to an analogue environment to conduct real research. For filming, Biggs also wore a space suit.

Over three years she went back and forth to the Horn of Africa to film. She would enter a refugee camp with armed guards and stay for monthlong periods. She said it can get over 120 degrees in the camp, with sandstorms.

The movement of refugees across the Horn of Africa and the Mars-simulated astronauts spoke to Biggs. It's a type of energized stagnancy, she said.

"I just felt this crosscurrent of humanity," she said. "Both groups were looking for new possibility."

Artist Metaferia also focuses on movement, but across generations instead of deserts.

She is a professor at Brown University and a first-generation Ethiopian immigrant. For the exhibition, she mounted two colorful collaged floating headdresses from her solo exhibition at the Rhode Island School of Design titled "By Way of Revolution." The portraits are of Metaferia's young, female students of color, and she's carefully covered their hair with hand-scanned archives that relate to their ancestral lineage.

She said her work "deals with intersectionality on many levels." She hopes it asks viewers to think critically about how each issue — racism, patriarchy and climate change — impacts the next.

Her inspiration for the bold artistic statements started in 2016, after the death of her mother, a women's rights activist. She said her mother was working on a memoir, and it made Metaferia think about the lack of equitable representation of women in historical archives, particularly of Black women.

She set out to change that narrative.

"Activism work is care work," Metaferia said. "And in my very small part, my very humble platform, I offer a different perspective in how that work comes together."

Metaferia draws on the idea of beauty in struggle.

"I want people to feel — not just my subjects, but anyone looking at the work — a sense of responsibility," she said. "We can change the narratives."

A paper wave created by Ma looked like an ominous, sweeping dragon that came up from the wall. Made of delicate black paper decorated in gold, her vision was that the wave would slowly degrade over the course of the fair as a statement of human impact on the natural world.

Ma started painting on thick paper because she loved its tactile quality. And now she creates stunning, fan-like features with it — ripples that twirl out and then condense.

"(Paper) is one of the oldest materials we've had, and it's really widely used in Chinese painting, calligraphy," she said. "So coming from that history, I've always been really drawn to it."

EXPO visitors could see Lake Michigan from the paper wave — the turquoise water clashing against the fanning black paper. Dance and poetry performances were held in front of it.

Elizabeth Corr, associate director of arts and cultural partnerships at NRDC, said Ma's wave was emblematic of Corr's role with her organization. She partners with artists to break down the legal briefs that often accompany environmental policy discussions.

"Art helps break down that divide," she said. "It inspires, excites and mystifies people in a really beautiful way. Jennifer's piece is made of paper, but it has an ephemerality that really evokes the natural world in this surprising way."

Biggs, Metaferia and Ma, all based in New York, stressed that their pieces were about the viscerality of impending climate change.

Ma said the expansion and contraction in her piece is influenced by traditional Chinese scrolls. She said a Chinese scroll typically isn't displayed the same way as a Western painting. Only when a friend comes over is it unfurled.

"The act of opening and turning is almost like a movement of the landscape," Ma said. "It's an interactive, kind of visual experience.

"It's amazing how a world that opens to you can just contract and then be tucked away."

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Vegetarian diet OK if children get enough of these nutrients

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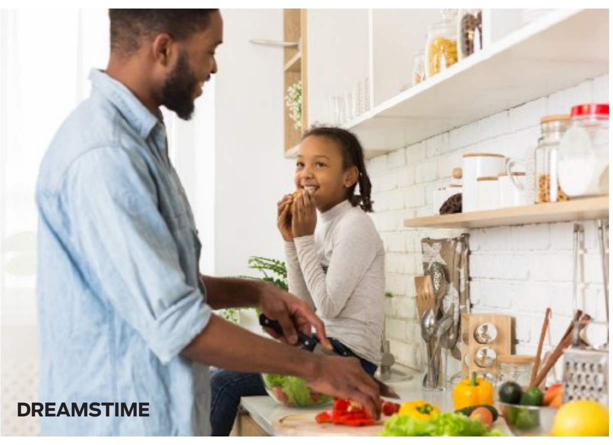
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Children and adolescents who follow a vegetarian eating plan tend to consume more fruits and vegetables and less sweets, salty snacks and saturated fat than their nonvegetarian peers. They also tend to be at lower risk for obesity.

In the past, experts worried that following a vegetarian diet, which tends to be low in saturated fat and animal protein and high in fiber, folate, vitamins C and E, carotenoids and some phytochemicals, would lead to nutritional deficiencies in children.

Today, we know that's generally not the case with well-planned vegetarian eating plans that include enough of the following nutrients:

■ Protein. Children who follow a vegetarian plan tend to get enough protein variety and quantity. Regularly eating legumes (beans, peas, lentils, peanuts and soy) helps ensure they'll get enough. Vegan children may need to eat more of these foods than nonvegan children because plants don't always have the same level of protein found in dairy and eggs.

■ Iron. Iron from vegetarian sources (non-heme iron) is not as high-quality as that from nonvegetarian sources. Having low levels of iron is common among children in general, and more so in children who follow a vegetarian eating plan.

■ Zinc. Zinc levels may be lower in children following a vegetarian diet, though deficiency is rare. Some great vegetarian sources of zinc include soy, legumes, grains, cheese, seeds and nuts. Also, soaking and sprouting beans, grains, nuts and seeds and leavening bread can help the body better utilize zinc. So can leavening bread and fermenting foods.

■ Vitamin B12, which in nature is primarily found in animal products. There are small amounts in some fermented foods, nori, spirulina, chlorella algae and unfortified nutritional yeast. While most vegetarian plans contain sufficient vitamin B12, children who follow a vegan eating plan should take a B12 supplement or eat fortified foods, such as fortified nutritional yeast.

■ Calcium. The body's ability to use calcium from plant foods can be hampered by some other naturally occurring compounds such as oxalates and phytates. While spinach, beet greens and Swiss chard contain a lot of calcium, for example, they also have high oxalates. This makes them a poor calcium source. On the other hand, low-oxalate greens such as kale, turnips, Chinese cabbage and bok choy are good sources of calcium. So are fortified plant milks and soy, white beans, almonds, tahini, figs and oranges.

■ Vitamin D. Few foods naturally contain vitamin D. Egg yolks contain some. Mushrooms contain vitamin D if they've been exposed to sunlight or artificial ultraviolet light. Cow's milk, some nondairy milks, tofu, orange juice, breakfast cereals and margarines often are fortified with vitamin D.

■ Eicosapentaenoic and docosahexaenoic omega-3 fatty acids (EPA and DHA). These healthy fats, primarily found in cold-water fish, are generally low in vegetarian (and absent in vegan) eating plans. A small proportion of alpha-linolenic acid (omega-3 from plants) is converted to EPA and DHA. The best sources of ALA include seeds (flax, chia, camelina, canola and hemp), walnuts and their oils.

Be sure to talk with your pediatrician about your child's diet during well-child visits. If there are concerns about your child's nutrient status, particularly with regard to iron or vitamin B12, they may recommend doing a blood test to check levels.

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Daughter does not want to discuss estranged mother

Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: My mother has a substance abuse disorder and a severe untreated mental illness. Several years ago, I cut ties with her due to the chaos and hurt she brought to my life. This was a painful decision, and not one I made lightly, but I stand by it and have learned to live with it.

Growing up, I was very close with her sister, my aunt. She has always been extremely loving and supportive to me. However, every time we meet lately, my aunt insists on bringing up my mother's latest whereabouts and scandalous doings (as gleaned from social media, which I am not on), as a point of ridicule or gossip in an otherwise pleasant conversation.

Life is short, and I don't want to alienate my beloved aunt. I am looking for a polite but firm way to shut down these painful discussions without spoiling a rare visit with my aunt or coming across as rude.

Gentle reader: Etiquette prefers an indirect approach when it avoids giving offense, or when it is more likely to succeed than brute force. In consequence, people who are indifferent to harm accuse those with good manners of being insufficiently honest.

Your case shows the injustice of such accusations. Tell your aunt that your break with your mother, though necessary, is still a painful topic, and that you would rather discuss almost anything else. Given your history, there is no reason to think she will not comply.

Dear Miss Manners: My husband and I were house-sitting for friends in a town that was a short drive from his sister, "Lacey," and brother-in-law, "Tuck." We invited them to come over for dinner one evening, which they did. I didn't know them well, although I had heard that Tuck was volatile and argumentative.

After dinner, everyone wanted to play pool, and my husband said we could clean up the kitchen after we played. During the game, Tuck started calling Lacey an idiot, then it grew worse as he swore at her and used obscenities. Lacey yelled and argued back, and I got the impression that this was just how they related to each other.

I couldn't take it anymore, so I said I was going to clean up the kitchen and I left the game. I didn't say anything about them, just that I was going to take care of the dishes.

My husband came into the kitchen a few minutes later and told me that Lacey and Tuck said it was rude of me to leave the game. He thought I should go back. I refused because their behavior was upsetting, and I would rather wash dishes by myself than endure that atmosphere.

Was I rude to leave? How should I have handled this?

Gentle reader: Just because that is the way that this couple normally relates does not mean that others should have to witness it.

Miss Manners wholeheartedly defends your behavior. If Tuck and Lacey wanted to confront you themselves (as that seems to be their proclivity), you could have said, "It seemed as if this was a personal matter and I wanted to give you two some privacy."

That your husband felt no such compulsion — and viewed this behavior as normal — is more worrisome.

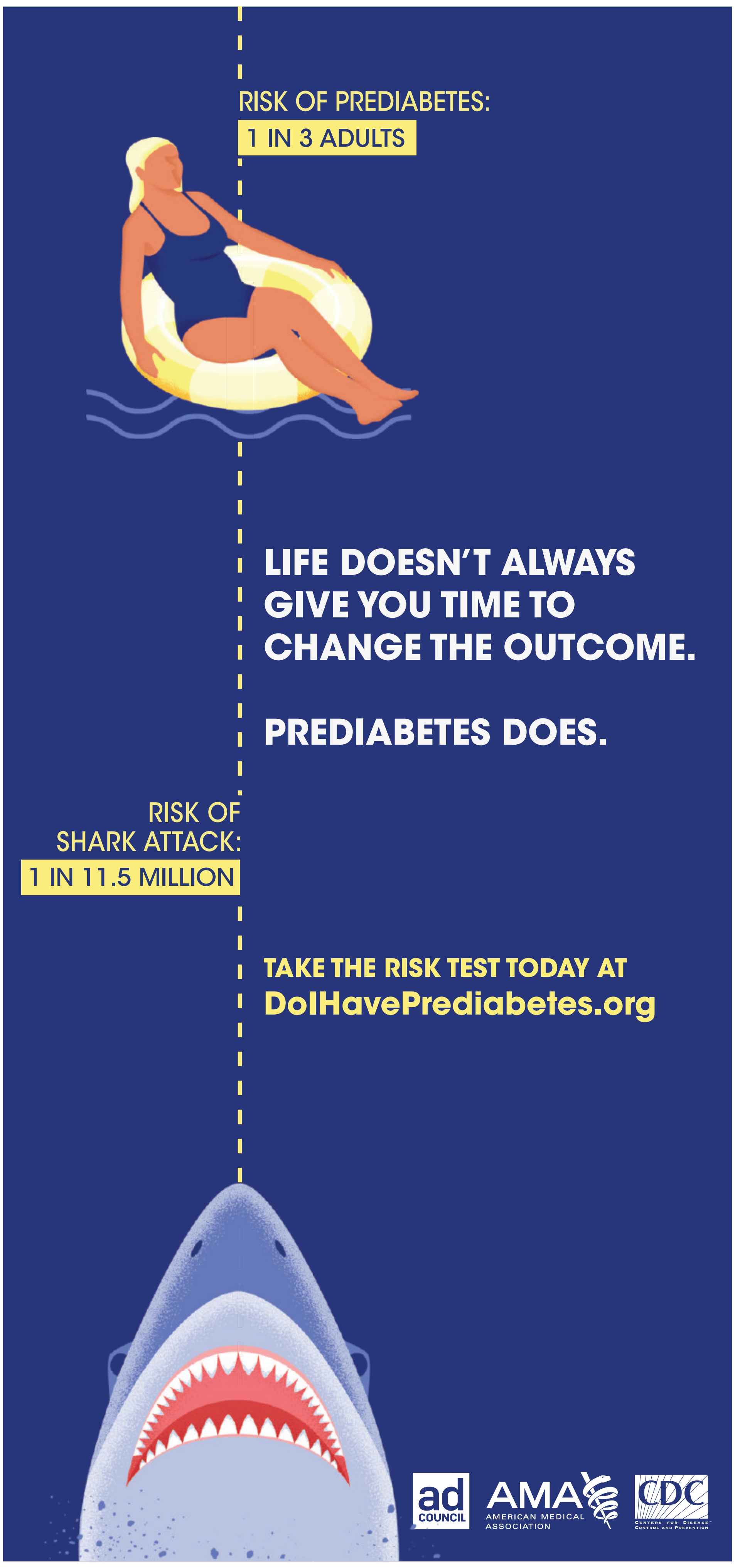
Dear Miss Manners: I have noticed that many establishments, from coffee shops to boutiques, are using systems that automatically ask for a tip when you are checking out — and "helpfully" give you choices of 15%, 20% and up.

To me, tipping has always made sense for instances such as haircuts and restaurants, where the person has spent a considerable amount of time with me. For someone who took a doughnut out of a case and put it in a bag to receive a tip seems excessive. And I say this as someone who has worked in retail — at a fast-food place, a home decor shop and most recently an art gallery — never expecting a tip for basically ringing up a sale.

I know I can hit "no tip," but then I worry the person will think I'm obnoxious and I'll feel embarrassed. What is your opinion of these systems?

Gentle reader: That even though Miss Manners may occasionally be intimidated by all the new electronic devices in her life, she does not accept etiquette advice from them.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.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Rails to trails

How converted railroad paths became great escapes for cyclists, from the Great American to The 606

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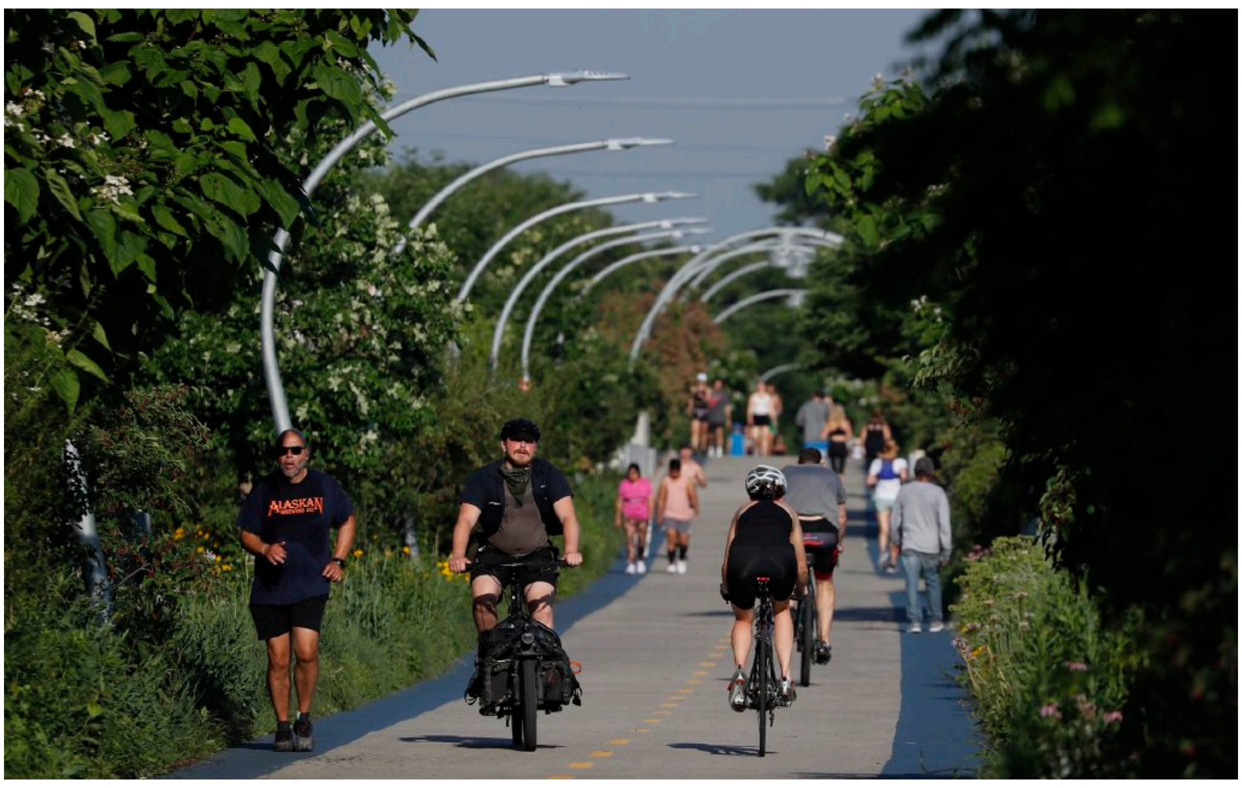
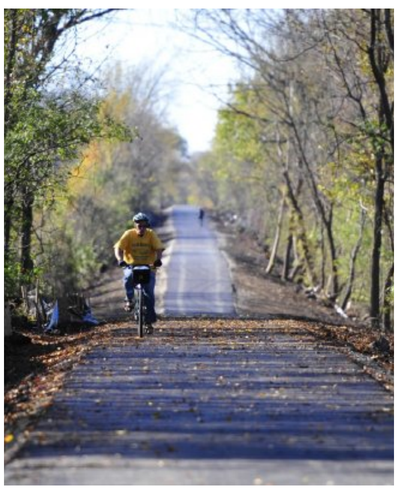


People enjoy running, walking and biking on the 606 Trail in Chicago in 2021. **JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

A railroad bridge outside Muncie, Indiana, is now part of a converted bicycle path, where cyclists enjoy a ride. **JOHN CARPENTER/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2022**



A cyclist rides along Old Plank Road Trail in Chicago Heights. The trail is part of the Great American Rail Trail. **GARY MIDDENDORF/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2015**

By John Carpenter
For the Chicago Tribune

I guess I shouldn't have been surprised by the responses I got when I told people I'd just completed a three-day bike ride across a large chunk of northern Indiana.

"Wow," most said, with just a hint of surprise and perhaps a glance at my midsection. "Good for you!"

Such is the beauty of rail trails — bike paths built on abandoned train lines — that even I, a reasonably active but, um, husky man of 60, with the approximate flexibility of a rusty old tractor, can easily knock off more than 100 miles in three days.

And Chicago is teeming with them — rail trails, I mean.

Once extolled by the poet Carl Sandburg as the "player with railroads and the nation's freight handler," it remains a national railroad hub. That means there are bike paths along existing lines, like the Green Bay Trail beside Metra's North Line, and trails along the roadbed of long-abandoned lines, like the west suburban Illinois Prairie Path and the city's Bloomingdale Trail, also known as The 606.

Chicago is also home to a stretch of the Great American Rail Trail, a 3,700-mile bike path from coast to coast that passes through northwest Indiana and the south suburbs. Though supported by the national Rails to Trails Conservancy, it is really a network of more than 125 locally backed trails that is still filling out some gaps in the run from Washington, D.C., to the Pacific Ocean west of Seattle.

I did a relatively short stretch in Indiana, and it left me wanting to ride more.

The magic of rail trails is rooted in the laws of physics. Massively heavy freight and passenger trains simply cannot handle steep grades up and down. That's why tracks are built up on bridges and artificial berms in some places, and carved into the land in others, leveling out elevation changes to allow trains to move up and down at a gentle rate.

The result is that riders can easily get into a comfortable cruise. One can maintain a pleasant speed with a steady churn in the higher gears, pushing hard enough to get the heart beating, without the extreme strains of steep uphill slogs.

When I agreed to the three-day ride starting in my wife's hometown of Richmond, Indiana, I was nervous. I ride maybe a few days a week when the weather is nice, but I know what it means to be a serious rider, as I have friends who are. I am not, but it was a chance to push myself, and an excuse to visit family.

Richmond is in central Indiana along the Ohio state line, and we started at the historic Gennett Studios there. It's the spot where some of the earliest recordings of American jazz were made by the likes of Louis Armstrong, King Oliver and Hoagy Carmichael. It's also a few blocks from the church where I got married, so I was feeling both inspired and nostalgic.

We headed north and were quickly out of downtown, alternating between wooded areas and working farms. This also made for a pleasing mixture of warming sun and the cooling canopy of trees. I inherited a love of trains from my late father, and I thought of him as I enjoyed simple beauty of small-town railroad depots that still dot the route.

The real beauty of these trails is cruising hassle-free, without having to worry about cars and traffic. It's easy to find a steady, almost meditative rhythm. Some people like to ride with ear pods or headphones, but I don't think that's safe. I like to hear what's around me, from the gentle chirping of birds to the barking of dogs to a friendly car horn's *beep beep!* at any of the many spots where the trail crosses a road.

Since most of these trails are used by locals for shorter rides, and supported by local volunteers and park districts, there are plenty of small parks where one can stop for water or bathroom breaks.

Oddly, I found these rests helpful to my confidence. I'd roll to a stop and offer an almost-anticipatory groan, expecting my muscles to be complaining. I could feel them, of course, but it was a good feeling — a level of pain that says, "Well done," rather than, "Please, stop!"

And because these trails move from town to town, it's easy to find lodging and places to eat. We spent one night in Muncie, Indiana, and another about 65 miles northwest in Peru, Indiana, both at national chain hotels for what I consider reasonable rates — just over $100 per night.

Both the Indiana and Illinois sections of the national trail are almost fully complete. The Illinois trail crosses the state between Interstate 80 and the Illinois River. Trails along the route include the Hennepin Canal Parkway, the Illinois and Michigan Canal State Park and the Great River Trail, along the Mississippi.

Illinois — and the Chicago Tribune — can claim some history when it comes to rail trails. When the old Chicago, Aurora and Elgin rail line was abandoned in the late 1950s, it was a letter to the editor that led to the conversion of the line to today's more-than-50-mile path.

According to TrailLink, a site maintained by the Rails to Trails Conservancy, noted naturalist May Theilgaard Watts wrote to the Tribune in 1963, proposing that the line be turned into a walking path. This led to the nation's first conversion of a railroad to a public trail.

Another notable rail trail is the Bloomingdale Trail, running through Bucktown, Wicker Park and Logan Square. You can find more options at the TrailLink website.

The right equipment is important on a ride of any distance, of course, but that doesn't mean one has to break the bank on a super-light road bike. My hybrid around-towner is somewhere between the thin-tired racers and fat-wheeled mountain bikes. It is sturdy and relatively light, and worked fine for me. Helmets are, of course, a must. Even on dedicated bike trails, falls can happen.

Bike shorts are also highly recommended on long rides. Mine were built into the lining of more conventional shorts, which I found more comfortable than the skin-tight suits. Many riders prefer cycling shoes with pedal clips, anchoring their feet to the bike. I understand the benefit of these — they keep the balls of the feet on the pedal, and allow both pulling and pushing action — but my bike didn't have them, and I did fine. I do recommend riding gloves.

It's easy to see the packs of tricked-out cycling clubs churning through the countryside and think it's an activity reserved for serious fitness buffs, but rail trails make even distance riding accessible to regular folks. Translation: If I can do it, you probably can too.

John Carpenter is a freelance writer.

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Embrace traditions with Europeans

Rick Steves
Tribune Content Agency

Over in Europe, cheese is not always orange. In France alone you could eat a different cheese every day of the year. **CAMERON HEWITT**

I used to be put off by European sophisticates, so into their fine wine and stinky cheese and their high-falutin' "terroir" that created it all. But now I love being a cultural bumpkin.

Sure, I'm simple. I was raised thinking cheese is orange and comes in the shape of the bread. Slap it on — voila! — cheese sandwich. Over in Europe, cheese is not orange nor the shape of the bread. In France alone you could eat a different cheese every day of the year. And it wouldn't surprise me if people did. These people are passionate about their cheese.

I love it when my favorite restaurateur in Paris, Marie-Alice, takes me shopping in the morning and shows me what's going to be on the menu that night. She steers me into her favorite cheese shop. It's a festival of mold. Picking up the moldiest, gooiest wad, Marie-Alice takes a deep whiff, and groans ecstatically, "Oh, Rick, smell this cheese. It smells like the feet of angels."

I'm her wide-eyed student. It's fun to be on the receiving end of all that cultural, gastronomic and regional pride. I see it as a learning opportunity. Thankfully, people are sophisticated about different things, and when we have the opportunity to connect, it can be good for all.

While my father never knew much about cheese, he was sophisticated about pianos. He was a piano tuner in Seattle, and he imported fine pianos. Back in the late '60s and early '70s, I'd join him on trips to Vienna. He'd take me to the Bosendorfer factory, where the world's finest pianos were made. I remember thinking they weren't manufactured — they were birthed. Touring the factory, which filled a former monastery, we learned the procedure for aging the wood, and why the imported felt was made from the wool of a certain kind of sheep. In former monks' cells, the workers each proudly produced two pianos per year. The result of this lovingly labor-intensive production process: Each piano had its own personality. Bringing that Old World quality to the New World was the joy of my dad's work.

While this old-time quality is gone (such fine, handcrafted pianos are a casualty of our mass-produced modern world), perhaps having witnessed it is one of the reasons I'm enthusiastic about sharing the fine points of European culture. Bosendorfers may no longer be produced with such loving care. But, thankfully, the cheese still smells like the feet of angels.

On the road you meet people you'd never meet at home — people who highlight those cultures. I meet a greater variety of interesting people in two months in Europe than I encounter in an entire year in America. At home, we surround ourselves with people like us. It's just the normal thing to do. We shop, worship and play where people similar to us do the same things.

One of my favorite countries is Ireland — not because of its sights, but because of its people. In Ireland, I enjoy the sensation that I'm actually understanding a foreign language. People there have the gift of gab — for them, it's an art form. I think the Irish are such engaging conversationalists because, even if they don't speak Gaelic (the poetic old Irish language), many think in it.

More Irish speak Gaelic than many travelers realize. Often when you step into a shop, you don't know that the locals were speaking to each other in Gaelic. They turn to you, without missing a beat and speak in English. When you step away, they slip right back into their language.

I love traveling in a Gaeltacht, as Gaelic-speaking regions are called. These are national preserves for the traditional culture — where the government decides, even at the expense of good business, that they will subsidize the continued existence of the Irish language because it's part of their heritage. It's very hard for me to keep my busy itinerary in a Gaeltacht because people are so charming and they've got all the time in the world to talk.

I was deep into one conversation with an old-timer when I asked him, "Were you born here?" And he said, "No, 'twas about 5 miles down the road." Later on I asked him, "Have you lived here all your life?" He winked and said, "Not yet."

When I'm doing a tour, writing a guidebook or filming a TV show, if I'm not interacting with people, it's going to be a flat experience. Cultural bumpkin or worldly sophisticate, if you want rich travel experiences, you've got to connect.

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GEOQUIZ ANSWER

Bern. The fifth-largest city in the country, Bern became the administrative capital of the Swiss Confederation in 1848. Lausanne is the judicial center.

CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Shaun dreams of space travel

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

Musician Shaun said he hopes to explore more destinations where he can scuba dive. **WARNER MUSIC KOREA**

Currently on his first North American tour, singer-songwriter-producer Shaun said in a recent interview that he was looking forward to seeing more of the United States than what he has experienced so far. "I visited Seattle a few years ago to see my old friend there," said the musician, who's also a prominent DJ. "The time I had there reminds me of good memories with good people and new cultural experiences. I also visited Los Angeles in October of 2021 to have a song camp session in which I wrote 'Steal the Show' and 'So Right.' It was a wonderful experience to have sessions with musicians, producers and meeting friends from nice, new places." For information on Shaun and his tour, check out www.unboundentertainmentgroup.com/shaun.

Q: Can you tell me a little bit about how Kim Yun-ho became the musician Shaun?
A: I started my band career in my early 20s. At that time, I didn't have any thoughts of wanting to become famous, be a professional musician or jump into a bigger scene. I just enjoyed playing music every night, getting on stage, performing in front of people, drinking and meeting new people. It was simply fun for me to do music back then. There was a lot of joy and novelty in it. Everything seemed so new and exciting at that time. Even though there are still many new things happening now, I try harder to remember each moment because I want to keep them as vivid memories within me.

Q: What foreign destinations have stood out for you so far?
A: My first overseas performance as a musician was in Japan. It was a club performance during the time I was playing in a band. We performed at a small venue called Eggman. I have fond memories of the enjoyable time we had. Prior to that, I visited several European cities in England, France and the Netherlands.

Q: How have your travels impacted your work?
A: I think being exposed to a new environment is a great advantage for creative people. Having a major turning point in everyday life is great for getting new inspiration. Traveling can (bring out) changes that were previously locked within oneself. Arriving alone in a strange city and checking into a hotel room, I feel like I can (draw on) new feelings when I turn on my laptop. I also expect something new to come out rather than being in a familiar environment. People, feelings, weather, temperature and everything else experienced in new travel destinations seem to influence creative work.

Q: If money and time weren't an object, what artist would you like to see in concert and where would you like it to be?
A: I have seen a video of the Chemical Brothers performing at a venue called Red Rocks Amphitheatre in the past. I remember it being a performance where Fatboy Slim and the Chemical Brothers shared the stage and the stage had a mysterious and rugged natural beauty that was in perfect harmony with the music. It felt like the music was incredibly fantastic. I also want to experience many festivals that I have not yet been to.

Q: Where would you like to visit that you have never been to before?
A: It's said that (about 71%) of the Earth's surface is covered in water and the land that humans can step on and stand on is (much) less. My close colleague has been recommending scuba diving to me a lot. I have a desire to experience the mysterious spaces underwater that I haven't seen before. Right now, I'm too busy and don't have the time, but someday I want to explore new places on the water in a natural landscape that is truly beautiful. Actually, I want to say space, but I think that won't be possible until I'm really old. I always have hope that the age of space travel will come, but without technology that can keep me alive forever, it seems difficult. So I choose underwater.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Airbnb banned refugee seemingly due to supposed location in Russia

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: Airbnb has suspended my account, but it won't tell me why. Now it won't even respond to me.

I've used Airbnb frequently. The last time I rented a room in a hostel in Romania was in August when I left Ukraine. Everything went well, including the payment.

In November, I wanted to rent an apartment through Airbnb again, but I could not log into my account. First, I saw a message that asked me for a government-issued ID. After two days, I received a message that said Airbnb was deleting my account and that I could not create a new one. "Further questions on this appeal will not be considered," the message said.

Airbnb would not tell me why it deleted my account, but suggested one reason could be that the city I lived in, Mariupol, was under Russian occupation. But here's the thing: I got out of Mariupol when they opened the green corridor last year. I was in Ukraine until the end of July, and I now live in Romania. The government has issued me temporary protection as a refugee.

I'd like to know why Airbnb froze my account. I'd also like to get my account unblocked. I enjoyed using the platform. I don't understand what I did wrong. Can you help me?
— Svitlana Marchenko, Romania

A: Airbnb announced last year that it would stop accepting bookings in Russia, and you are not the first reader to get stuck with an undeserved ban. A few months ago, another reader had a similar problem. His phone number had a Russian country code, even though he lived in Ukraine. Airbnb banned him without explanation. I managed to get that ban reversed.

Of course, Airbnb has the right to do — or not to do — business with anyone it wants. But it should be consistent in applying its policy. In your case, a person Airbnb is trying to protect with its policy — a refugee from the war in Ukraine — is getting punished. That's not right.

I see that you kept a written record of your correspondence with Airbnb. Good work. You might have forwarded that to one of the Airbnb executives I list on my consumer advocacy site, www.elliott.org. Sometimes a brief, polite email will reopen your case and lead to a quick resolution.

Airbnb owed you a full explanation as to why you got banned. But, of course, you'll never get one, even if I ask on your behalf. Airbnb refuses to talk about who gets banned and who doesn't. The company has assured me that it is trying to make the process more transparent and add a way to appeal an account suspension. I have yet to see evidence of that.

I contacted Airbnb on your behalf. A representative contacted you and verified your current address in Romania, and a few days later, Airbnb reactivated your account. Why? It still won't say.

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Agony, ecstasy of ballet flats

By Marisa Meltzer
The New York Times

While there's no doubt that ballet flats are everywhere right now, the definition of what constitutes a ballet flat is somewhat elastic. Here are some helpful parameters to keep in mind when looking for a pair of your own.

They are roughly the shape of ballet slippers with a round toe. (This seems obvious, but there's a lot of room for error.) They can have a little heel but nothing higher than half an inch. An open toe is a no. Straps are sometimes allowed, but anything too hefty or with a buckle turns a shoe into a Mary Jane.

Maybe you're not sure how to feel about the return of this trend. Maybe, like me, you went through a ballet-flat phase a couple of decades ago and thought you were done with them. Did you often return from a day walking around in them only to wonder why flat shoes that seemed so practical were in fact deeply uncomfortable? Do you want to try them again, but are not sure how?

The best advice, which you must try to heed, is to resist the siren song of dressing like a ballerina. I love leotards and tiny wrap sweaters as much as the next Balanchine devotee, but don't wear ballet flats with them. Ballet flats that look too much like pointe shoes or have attached ribbons come across as costume-y.

Anyone who was obsessed with "The Twelve Dancing Princesses" knows that shoes like this wear out easily.

When you find the right ballet flats for you, get a cobbler to put a slipresistant tread on the soles, which will give the shoes a longer life. While you're there, get a padded insole to make them a little easier to wear.

Mansur Gavriel raffia ballet flats. **MANSUR GAVRIEL**

Chanel

It turns out ballet dancers do wear ballet flats. Jenelle Manzi, who dances with the New York City Ballet, said on Instagram that she "can't even look at" one popular brand, "mostly because I think about the poor bones in my feet, but I got the perfect pair of ballet flats in Paris last summer at Chanel." If a ballerina endorsement doesn't move you, know that Chanel ballet flats look good with everything. Also, they have a cap toe, and sometimes the toe contrasts with the rest of the flat, like a black toe with a pastel tweed, or a navy toe with a blue-green leather body. Chanel is notorious for its low levels of stock, so go in person and see what is available in your size. *($875)*

Maison Margiela

Maison Margiela is known for its many variations of the split-toe tabi shoe. Its fans are devoted to the tabi boots, but I think the tabi ballet flat is the friendliest entry point into that world. My friend Kat pointed me to the satin ones. The colors are really incredible — deep violet, dark sage green, chestnut brown — and would look good with any kind of jeans, but even better with oversize tailored trousers and a loose oxford shirt. *($345, from $690)*

Khaite

Khaite makes ballet flats studded with Swarovski crystals. The best are black satin with the crystals in a kind of harlequin pattern. The more elaborate and luxe the ballet flat, the better it looks dressed down. So wear these with track shorts in the summer and a white ribbed tank top and you'll be the coolest person at the grocery store. *($980)*

The Row

Ballet flats can look a little too preppy when worn with skirts and dresses. They need the structure and square toe of these satin ones from the Row. How good would the cranberry red pair look peeking out from under a long black dress at some kind of spring gala? The bonus is that this is the next most comfortable thing with the exception of socks to wear to a long party. *($790)*

Reike Nen

It's easy to take for granted the delicate bows of many ballet flats. They're just there, looking perfect. This pair has an elongated toe box and a bow that hits the middle of the foot, instead of at the toe. So even though they are as versatile as a black shoe should be, they are subtly more elegant. And slightly less innocent. *($280, from $350)*

Mansur Gavriel

Mansur Gavriel makes ballet flats with a high vamp, which some people prefer to showing a lot of toe cleavage. They do all the basic colors, but the most exciting version is made of raffia. *($395)*

The meaning behind styling

Ellen Warren
Answer Angel

Lots of celebrities hire stylists to help create a public persona, says Answer Angel Ellen Warren. **DREAMSTIME**

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I follow a bunch of clothing sellers on Instagram who post photos of famous athletes and other celebrities wearing the items the Instagrammer has sold to those well-known people. Along with the photo is the seller's claim: "I styled (fill in famous person's name)!" What does that even mean? What is "styling?"

— *Helene N.*

Dear Helene: Just because celebs buy a piece of clothing from an Instagram seller, it definitely does not qualify the seller as a stylist — which admittedly is a niche profession.

Lots of famous people and wannabes hire "stylists" who choose their clothing for them to help create the celebrities' public persona. Stylists also are instrumental in getting free loans or gifts of designer clothing and accessories for clients. This creates publicity for the designers, the celebrities and even the stylists. (Think of the question that television personalities ask, "Who are you wearing?" when interviewing people on the red carpet.)

Regular people like you and me are our own stylists. So if we wear logo clothing, dress in all one color, choose to walk the dog in sweatpants and bunny bedroom slippers, that's our "style." Yes, the whole "stylist syndrome" is silly and fleeting. But so is celebrity.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I hate clothing shopping. I hate the process of going to a store, trying on stuff, not knowing whether it is flattering, taking it home and then suffering from "buyers' regret" and either waste more time returning the clothes or waste the money as they hang in my closet unworn. One more thing, I really dislike ordering clothes online since the photos aren't accurate and the sizing and quality are a crapshoot. Any suggestions?

— *Patty T.*

Dear Patty: Pre-pandemic, many department stores had complimentary "personal shoppers" you could book by phone or online. Some — like downtown Chicago's Bloomingdale's — still have them. Friends have used them with great success. In many cases the shoppers are salaried and not on commission, so they're not trying to sell you expensive items to boost their income. But ask how they are paid before you book an appointment. Another bit of advice: Shop with a trusted friend to get a second opinion.

Angelic Readers

Lots of you had the same response to reader George D.'s plea for recommendations on where to find soft and absorbent towels: Don't use fabric softener or dryer sheets. Priscilla S. writes, "Fabric softeners can coat the fiber with chemicals for softness but at the same time block absorbency. I never use softeners with my towels." Others who had the same advice: Carol C., Patricia L., Raymond L., Linda Z.

Reader Charlene S. offers these additional tips.

- Tumble dry low.
- Add ½ cup white vinegar in the softener dispenser to help remove built-up softener.

Wirecutter.com says five washes usually eliminates the effect of the softeners in new towels.

Lynn A. adds, "I have a 'thing' about finding absorbent towels. In my opinion, 'soft' and 'absorbent' are mutually exclusive. A towel that feels soft won't be absorbent, unfortunately! When I shop for absorbent towels, I seek ones that feel, for lack of a better word, 'scratchy.' Soft/plush towels typically are not absorbent." As for specific recommendations, Kathy recommends Liz Claiborne Signature Plush Bath Towel Collection from J.C. Penney (jcpenney.com, $22 on sale for $12.99). Liz P. likes Target's Room Essentials brand (target.com), which are 90% cotton, 10% polyester. Ferle T. likes Kohl's Sonoma towels (kohls.com). Also from Kohl's, Denise K. suggests Vera Wang towels. Julie C. favors Charter Club brand at Macy's.

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REAL ESTATE

Raul Villagra and Cristina Araya, left, hope to live side by side with Olha Vasylyeva and Viktor Vasyliev in the accessory dwelling unit, or ADU, located behind their children's home in the Los Angeles area. "I wanted my kids to be able to experience their grandparents — one set from Chile; the others from Ukraine," Alina Vasyliev says. **JASON ARMOND/LOS ANGELES TIMES**

ADU offers hope for grandparents, refugees

Family redefines what multigenerational living means as their home becomes a sanctuary

By Lisa Boone
Los Angeles Times

Seventy-four-year-old Viktor Vasyliev — arms outstretched and smiling broadly — greeted Raul Villagra and his wife, Cristina Araya, with a warm embrace.

Standing nearby, his daughter Alina Vasyliev shook her head and laughed. "My father would have never kissed anyone 'hello' before he met Raul and Cristina," she said. "It's like this every weekend at our house: My parents speak Russian. My in-laws speak Spanish. But somehow, they communicate."

The three families were lingering inside the accessory dwelling unit, or ADU, located behind Alina Vasyliev and Daniel Villagra's newly built home in the Los Angeles area.

The ADU has become a way for the couple to help others — not only their parents but also, for a period of time, Ukrainian refugees. One day, the hope is that the two sets of in-laws will share the ADU so all four can be close to their children and grandchildren.

"I wanted my kids to be able to experience their grandparents — one set from Chile; the others from Ukraine," said Alina Vasyliev, who is 41. "They can learn so much from them — Spanish and Russian — while experiencing the privilege of having their grandparents close."

For now, only Viktor Vasyliev and his wife, Olha Vasylyeva, 73, live in the 1,100-square-foot ADU. Shortly after they moved in last March — before the main house was finished — the family opened their doors to friends escaping the war in Ukraine.

"We flew seven people from Ukraine to the humanitarian border in Tijuana," said Alina Vasyliev, who was born in Russia and grew up in Ukraine. "My friend and her husband, her parents, her brother and her two kids. I put three people in our house nearby and four in the ADU with my parents." They stayed for six months until they all found jobs and housing.

As the family redefined what multigenerational living means in terms of friends and family, the ADU became more than a home. It became a sanctuary.

Still reeling from the trauma of war, Ihor, who asked that his last name not be used out of concern for his family's safety in Ukraine, described the surreal experience of relocating to Los Angeles: "One person was living in the kitchen, three slept in one bedroom." Still, he said, walking the streets of LA "felt like paradise. I would walk Bruno (the family dog) and take pictures of everything. Trees, mountains, even the post office. Everything is so beautiful here in Los Angeles."

When the refugees arrived, construction on the main house, landscaping and fencing was stopped.

In February, Alina Vasyliev, Daniel Villagra and their two children moved into the newly built 3,200-square-foot house in front, which now serves as a hub for their extended family.

The couple aims to add a pool and landscaping in time, but for now, the projects are on hold until they can save up the money.

In 2018, the couple paid $840,000 for the two-bedroom one-bathroom Spanish home and proceeded to add the ADU, which cost around $160,000. After the ADU was finished, the property was reassessed for $1.6 million, which helped them secure a home equity loan to replace the Spanish home with the new main house.

You might think that three generations living together, along with a refugee family, would prove

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ELITE STREET

Billionaire to spend $43.7M building lakefront mansion

By Bob Goldsborough
For the Chicago Tribune

Billionaire Justin Ishbia and his wife, Kristen, who have paid $39.9 million since 2020 for four separate houses on Lake Michigan in Winnetka, now are poised to spend another $43.74 million building a lakefront mansion in that village that would measure 68,344 square feet.

As a result, their mansion project is set for a total cost of $77.7 million, including what they will spend on land acquisition, construction of the new mansion and demolition of existing houses on the property. That figure doesn't include the cost of one of the homes they purchased — a $6.2 million property that sits on a noncontiguous property. But the amount the Ishbias will spend will still be the highest amount anyone has ever paid for a single residence in the Chicago area — well in excess of the $58.75 million that Citadel founder Ken Griffin paid for four floors of raw space in the Near North Side building at 9 W. Walton St.

According to a Dec. 7 building permit application filed by the Ishbias' representatives with the village of Winnetka, which Elite Street obtained through a Freedom of Information request, the couple have hired New York architectural firm Ferguson & Shamamian to build the mansion.

No architectural drawings are yet available for the proposed mansion, and village officials have yet to approve the application. The plans are still being reviewed by Winnetka building officials, the

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A home owned by Justin Ishbia along the lakefront, between Centennial Beach and Elder Lane Park Beach, is seen in Winnetka on Nov. 2, 2022. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Applying for a senior real estate tax freeze

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I am going to be applying for the senior real estate tax freeze on my house this year. I do own my house, but I don't have any paperwork of any kind that says I am the owner. How do I prove that I do own my house? Also, when I moved into this house 20 years ago, I put the title to the home into a land trust so that when I die, the home automatically becomes my son's house.

I would appreciate any direction you may provide to get a more detailed understanding of my ownership and how the land trust factors into the ownership. Am I moving down the right path?

A: You are heading down the right path. When you purchased the home, your seller should have transferred the ownership of the home to you by means of a real estate deed. This deed is a document that details the names of the sellers and buyers, the address of the home, the tax parcel identification number, the legal description of the property and some other required information.

Once you closed on the home, the settlement agent should have had the deed filed or recorded with the office that handles real estate filings or recordings. If you need a copy of the deed, you can likely obtain it through that office's website or by visiting the office in person. Most people will never need to see their deed after closing, except in very unusual situations.

If you were to obtain a copy of your deed, you'd see that the buyer or owner of the home after your closing was the land trust. Only a few states in the nation use land trusts, but a land trust functions in a similar way to a living trust.

You, the owner of the home, put the title of your home into a trust. The trust legally owns the home, but you are the beneficiary of the trust. As the beneficiary, you own the trust and can direct what the trust does with the home.

In addition, you can set up a trust so that if something happens to you, you can name successor beneficiaries. This means that if you die, you can name your son as the successor beneficiary. Upon your death, your son would become the new beneficiary and can keep the home or sell it as his own.

Here's what to do if you want a copy of the deed that placed ownership of the home into the land trust: Go to the county recorder of deeds office in person or visit their website and download a copy of the deed. Some counties charge for an "official" copy, which you might need in some circumstances. Others do not. You might also contact the land trust company and have them send you a copy of the deed.

It seems as though every state treats senior tax freezes differently. In many municipalities, homeowners ages 65 years or older may be entitled to certain real estate tax benefits, including a property tax freeze.

It's worth doing a little research to see what benefits you might be entitled to if you're living in a home you own as your primary residence.

Rather than spending your energy locating your deed, try contacting the office that handles real estate tax issues. Ask what, if anything, you need to prove your ownership of the home. You may find that you simply need to fill out some documentation that includes information about you, your age, your home and requires a copy of a government ID to obtain the real estate tax exemptions or freezes.

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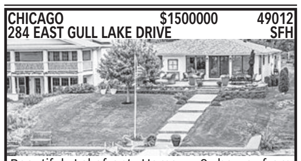

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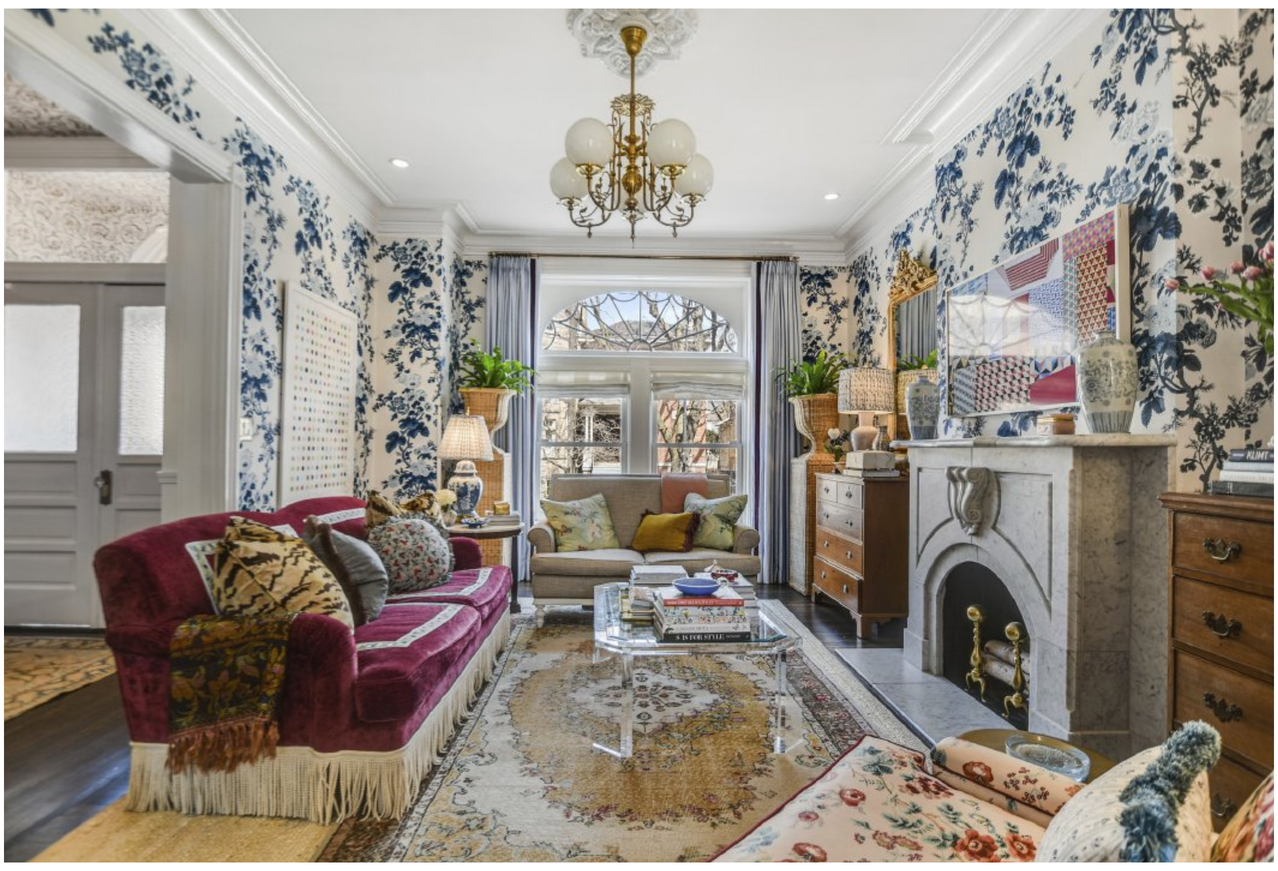

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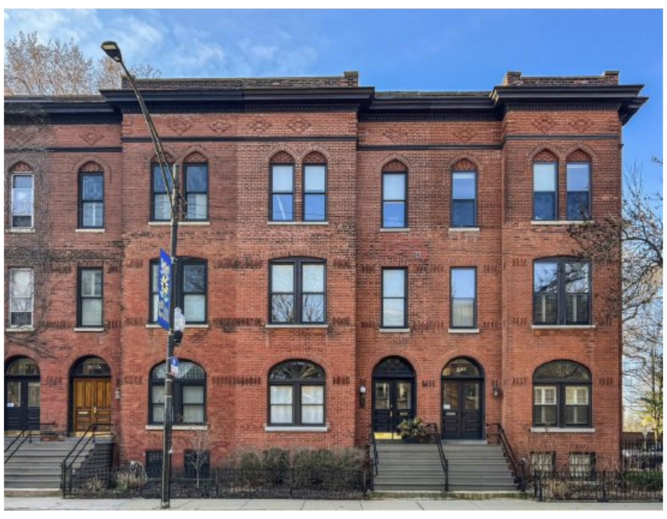

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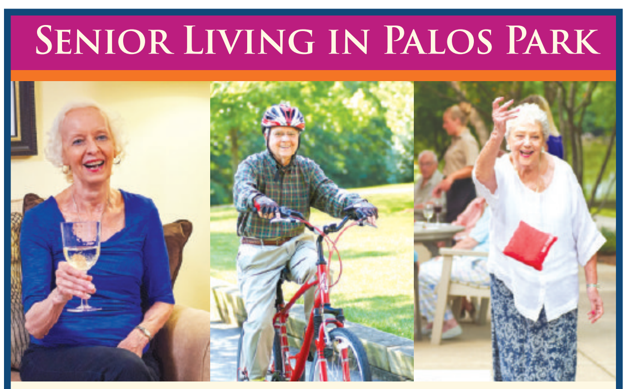

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ADU

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stressful. Instead, the ADU has brought the families closer together.

"I love being able to hang out with them," David Villagra, 12, said of living near his grandparents. "I missed them when we lived apart."

His 2-year-old sister, Bianka, echoed his sentiments as she smiled with delight as she was passed from one adoring grandparent to another. "Que linda," murmured Raul Villagra, as the 75-year-old minister gave her a hug.

Eventually, Alina Vasyliev and Daniel Villagra hope state laws change so they can legally divide the existing ADU and their parents can live as neighbors. Architect Sevak Karabachian, who designed the modern dwelling, said that increasingly relaxed state regulations for building an ADU may make it a possibility "sooner than later."

"While currently more than one ADU per lot is only allowed for existing multi-dwelling lots — which this project is not, it's single-family — we wanted to make a plan that is easily modifiable if and when the laws become more lenient and allow more than one ADU on large lots," Karabachian said. "From the looks of it, it seems we're almost there as the building codes are becoming more friendly towards ADUs."

When that day comes, he said, dividing the existing ADU into two separate units would be achievable by simply adding a double-stud 2-by-4 wall with an inch gap in between the two units as well as ample acoustic insulation to absorb sound and offer privacy.

With that in mind, Karabachian designed each side of the ADU to mirror the other: two front doors, living rooms, laundry rooms, bathrooms, skylights and bedrooms. For now, there is only one prefab kitchen, but there is room to add another one if necessary.

As much as Alina Vasyliev wanted this living arrangement to benefit her children, she also wanted to provide affordable housing for her parents. "They are retired and don't really have any savings," she said. "It's so much less stressful for them now because they don't have to pay for housing."

Daniel Villagra, 43, who is an insurance agent who works with Medicare enrollees, feels similarly about his parents. "Our friends tell us we're crazy to want to have all of our parents living with us," he said. "But my parents are … living in a two-story townhouse in West Covina. My dad has fallen on the stairs. He needs to live in a one-story home."

Having her parents in the backyard is a "dream come true," Alina Vasyliev said. "Not just for me. But for my kids."

Asked if she would sponsor more refugees, Alina Vasyliev didn't hesitate.

"More people have texted me from Ukraine and told me that they want to come, too," she said, adding that she's started a nonprofit called Friends of Ukraine Foundation that provides assistance to Ukrainian refugees who are in the United States.

Meanwhile, the couple is currently in the permitting process for another ADU down the street where they used to live in the hopes of providing more housing for their friends in Ukraine.

"I don't really have space right now," Alina Vasyliev said. "But I can't say no."

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village's permit coordinator, Anita Lichterman, confirmed to Elite Street.

As a result, the mansion's style and height still have not been made public. However, the application spells out plans for both an indoor swimming pool and an outdoor pool. Additionally, the permit application makes clear that the square footage figure includes all constructed space, including accessory buildings. As a result, below-grade space like a basement and any potential outbuildings could be included in the 68,344-square-foot figure.

How large is 68,344 square feet? It's 12,000 square feet more than all the building space found in NBA legend Michael Jordan's mansion and estate in Highland Park, which has been for sale for more than a decade and currently is available for $14.85 million. A Lincoln Park mansion currently listed for $30 million measures a reported 25,000 square feet, while the four floors that Griffin owns in the building at 9 W. Walton St. total about 28,000 square feet.

The plans are for the mansion to be built on the sites of three of the four homes that the couple have bought on Lake Michigan, and those three purchases together have totaled $33.7 million for what would be 3.7 acres — a nearly unheard-of size for a homesite on Lake Michigan in the Cook County portion of the North Shore. Demolition permits that the Ishbias submitted to Winnetka officials and that have been reviewed by Elite Street indicate that the Ishbias planned to spend another $232,750 to demolish the three homes that make up their homesite.

The Ishbias in late 2020 also paid $6.2 million for a fourth, 5,410-square-foot house that is not contiguous to their 3.7-acre building site. That house, which sits on a 0.56-acre lakefront site, lies between two Winnetka parks — Elder Lane Park and Centennial Park — and over the past two-plus years, their representatives have been working with the Winnetka Park District on a potential land swap that would entail the Ishbias donating that $6.2 million house to the Park District in exchange for an existing tract of similar width in the south end of Centennial Park that would be contiguous to their building site.

That land swap remains in negotiations between the Ishbias and the Park District, although it has been complicated by a Winnetka resident's ongoing lawsuit against the Park District, alleging that the land swap is a violation of the Illinois Park District Code.

Former Chicago Bears linebacker Robert Quinn and his wife, Christina, placed their 4,300-square-foot house in Lake Forest on the market for $2.59 million. **LAKE COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Whether or not the land swap goes forward, the Ishbias clearly are proceeding with building their mansion on Lake Michigan. Elite Street reported on March 31 that the Ishbias had begun demolishing the three contiguous houses that they own.

Peter Lee, who represents the Ishbias, did not respond to a request for comment. However, in a brief phone interview in late March, Ishbia told Elite Street that there was "no new news" on the land swap, and that his representatives were continuing to work with the village on building plans for his mansion.

"My designers … are working on it," he said at the time.

Ishbia, who is the son of the founder of Michigan-based mortgage lending giant United Wholesale Mortgage, founded and runs the private equity firm Shore Capital Partners. In December, he and his brother Mat announced that they would purchase the Phoenix Suns and the Phoenix Mercury sports teams for $4 billion.

In addition to their properties in Winnetka, Justin and Kristen Ishbia also own an 8,229-square-foot Lincoln Park mansion that they purchased in 2021 for $12.5 million, and a 30th-floor condo in the building at 9 W. Walton St. that they purchased in 2018 for $5.57 million.

The couple also own a six-bedroom, 18,172-square-foot mansion on the Gulf of Mexico in Naples, Florida, that they purchased in 2021 for $36 million.

Former Bears linebacker lists Lake Forest home for $2.6M: Former Chicago Bears linebacker Robert Quinn and his wife, Christina, on April 14 placed their five-bedroom, 4,300-square-foot house in Lake Forest on the market for $2.59 million.

A veteran of several NFL teams, Quinn, 32, joined the Bears in 2020 when he signed a five-year, $70 million contract with the team. The Bears traded him to the Philadelphia Eagles in October.

In July 2021, Quinn and his wife bought the Lake Forest house through their Elroy Q LLC company. Built in 2020, the Tudor-style house has 5 ½ bathrooms, two fireplaces, 10-foot ceilings on the first floor, a family room with custom built-ins, a library with a coffered ceiling and a marble surround fireplace, a kitchen with a vaulted ceiling and a 3,000-square-foot finished basement with a wet bar.

The house also has a first-floor primary bedroom suite, a heated three-car garage, a slate roof, copper gutters, a brick paver front walk and a brick paver patio, all on a 0.57-acre property.

"All three floors seamlessly open to each other with a wide-open staircase, and the lower level is like a separate house in itself at 3,000 square feet," listing agent Sarah Lyons of Compass told Elite Street. "And the kitchen space is one of the most gorgeous spaces I've seen in 20 years of selling real estate, with a vaulted ceiling and cabinets to the ceiling, (along with a) massive center island with ultra-thick marble."

The Quinns previously owned a six-bedroom, 9,000-square-foot French Provincial-style mansion in Glencoe that they bought in mid-2020 for $3.5 million and sold in 2021 for the same amount.

The Lake Forest house had a $44,999 property tax bill in the 2021 tax year.

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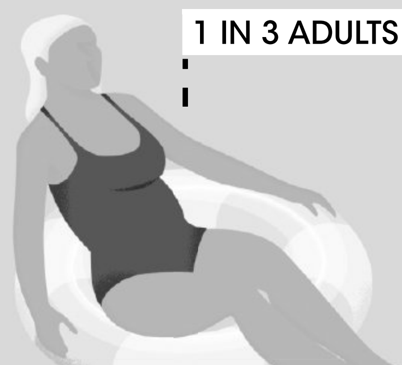

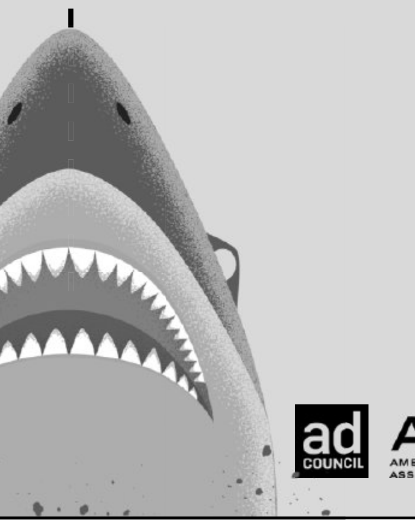

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Gadiel Galvez, 22, adjusts a sign stating that his co-op owns their mobile home park in Lakewood, Wash. **LINDSEY WASSON/AP**

When Gadiel Galvez learned that the owner of his mobile home park south of Seattle was looking to sell, he and other residents worried their largely Latino community would be bulldozed to make way for another Amazon warehouse.

So, they decided to form a cooperative and buy their park in Lakewood, Washington. With help from a nonprofit that advises communities like theirs and helps them secure loans, they bought it for $5.25 million. Since becoming owners in September, everyone's worked to make improvements.

"Everybody thought, 'You know what? ... I'm going to make this place the best that I can,' " said Galvez, 22, who is a co-op board member. "Some people painted their homes, some people remodeled their interiors and exteriors, and some are working on their roofs."

With rents rising at mobile home parks nationwide, advocates tout the cooperative model as a way to preserve one of the last affordable housing options for people with low or fixed incomes and to give them a greater voice in managing their parks.

So far, these resident-owned communities are proving to be a reliable option. None of the more than 300 in the network of nonprofit ROC USA have defaulted or closed. One decided to sell back to the county housing authority it originally purchased from.

"They have a 100% track record of success, which tells you that it's working for the residents," said George McCarthy, president and CEO of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, a Cambridge, Massachusetts, think tank.

The push to promote resident ownership comes as parks have become a favorite target of investment banks, hedge funds and other deep-pocketed investors. Nearly a third of mobile home parks in the U.S. have been bought by such investors since 2015, lured by reliable cash flow and high returns from raising rents at nearly double the general rental market rate, McCarthy said.

"They're trading on the desperation of people living in the parks," he said. "There's no place that they can take their homes if they can't afford to keep paying the increasing rents."

Park residents often own their home but rarely the land beneath it. So if a landlord raises rent, residents can be evicted or forced to sell their home. If a park is sold to be redeveloped, mobile homes that can't be moved are demolished.

"Homelessness is really what residents are facing" if investors aggressively raise rents, said Victoria O'Banion, ROC Northwest's marketing and acquisitions specialist.

At Rimrock Court in the central Oregon town of Madras, rent increased from $350 to $495 over five years. When the owner notified residents he planned to sell, they feared further increases — or worse, that it would be torn down to make way for apartments. So they decided to buy it.

"We were really worried about being forced out of our homes," said Shawn King, who lives there with her husband on a fixed income and had experienced homelessness before.

To pay off the purchase loan, residents now pay $520 a month — a stretch, but one that comes with reassurance, King said.

"Just to have that peace of mind, to know that our rent is going to be locked in for awhile and not keep going up, and also knowing that our rent monies ... are going back into the property, that is the cool part," she said.

Despite the talk of better management and stronger community, most parks aren't co-ops. The country's roughly 43,000 mobile home communities are home to 22 million people, according to the Manufactured Housing Institute, a national trade organization. But only about 1,000 are resident-owned, according to Carolyn Carter, deputy director at the National Consumer Law Center.

Some resistance comes from residents, many of whom are seniors and people with disabilities who may not want the responsibility of managing their park. Others argue rent control or stricter zoning regulations protecting mobile home parks from redevelopment are more effective.

"Zoning is critical. ... That is what we ought to be fighting for everywhere," said Jan Leonard, who lives in a park in Walla Walla, Washington, and worked with other residents to successfully push the city council to amend zoning codes to add mobile home parks as a land-use type.

Other residents considering buying their parks are running up against the same forces that make them popular with investors — a red-hot market and competition from private equity firms and other prospective buyers.

Sarah Marchant, vice president of Community Loan Fund, ROC USA's New Hampshire affiliate, recalled Tara Estates, a 380-home park in Rochester. The steep $45 million asking price discouraged residents from organizing.

Another challenge is that few states provide funding for residents looking to buy their parks. The lack of grants can make it difficult for residents to finance large loans.

New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Colorado and Oregon are among states with laws that have been effective in helping residents buy their parks, the National Consumer Law Center said.

A new bill in Oregon would allocate $35 million in grants to help residents purchase their parks. Washington passed a bill last month requiring that landlords offer tenants a chance to compete to purchase their park. It also requires two years' notice if a park will be closed, although that can be reduced if landlords financially compensate residents.

Mobile homes are "an important and affordable housing option for a lot of folks, especially older people aging in place, and we need to make sure it's preserved," said state Sen. Noel Frame, the Washington bill's prime sponsor.

Some real estate groups and park owners argue the bill places an undue burden on landlords.

"If you want tenants to organize and make offers to purchase their communities ... they should not wait until there's a clock ticking," said Robert Cochran, property manager of Contempo Mobile Home Park in Spokane.

Housing advocates say they hope that $225 million in recently approved federal funding may provide some relief for mobile home park residents. Starting this year, the money will be funneled through grants to states, resident-owned parks, nonprofits, and local and tribal governments to preserve mobile home communities and improve infrastructure.

King cherishes the mobile home that going cooperative at Oregon's Rimrock Court saved from rent increases and a potential buyout by investors.

"It's so hard to find affordable housing when you're low-income. To be able to own your own home is so empowering," she said.

"It's 600 square feet. It's not much, but it's a castle to me."

AP writer Michael Casey in Boston contributed.

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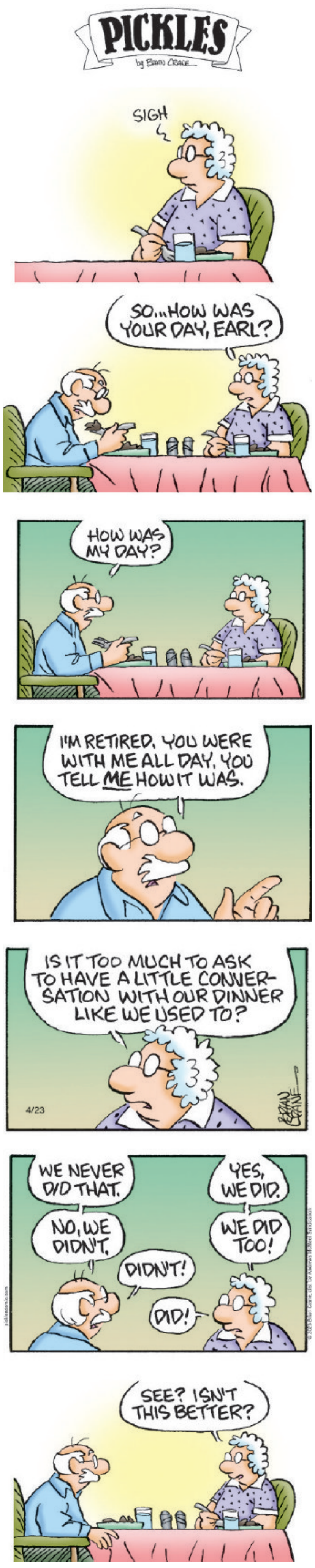
PICKLES
by Brian Crane
SIGH
SO...HOW WAS YOUR DAY, EARL?
HOW WAS MY DAY?
I'M RETIRED. YOU WERE WITH ME ALL DAY. YOU TELL ME HOW IT WAS.
IS IT TOO MUCH TO ASK TO HAVE A LITTLE CONVERSATION WITH OUR DINNER LIKE WE USED TO?
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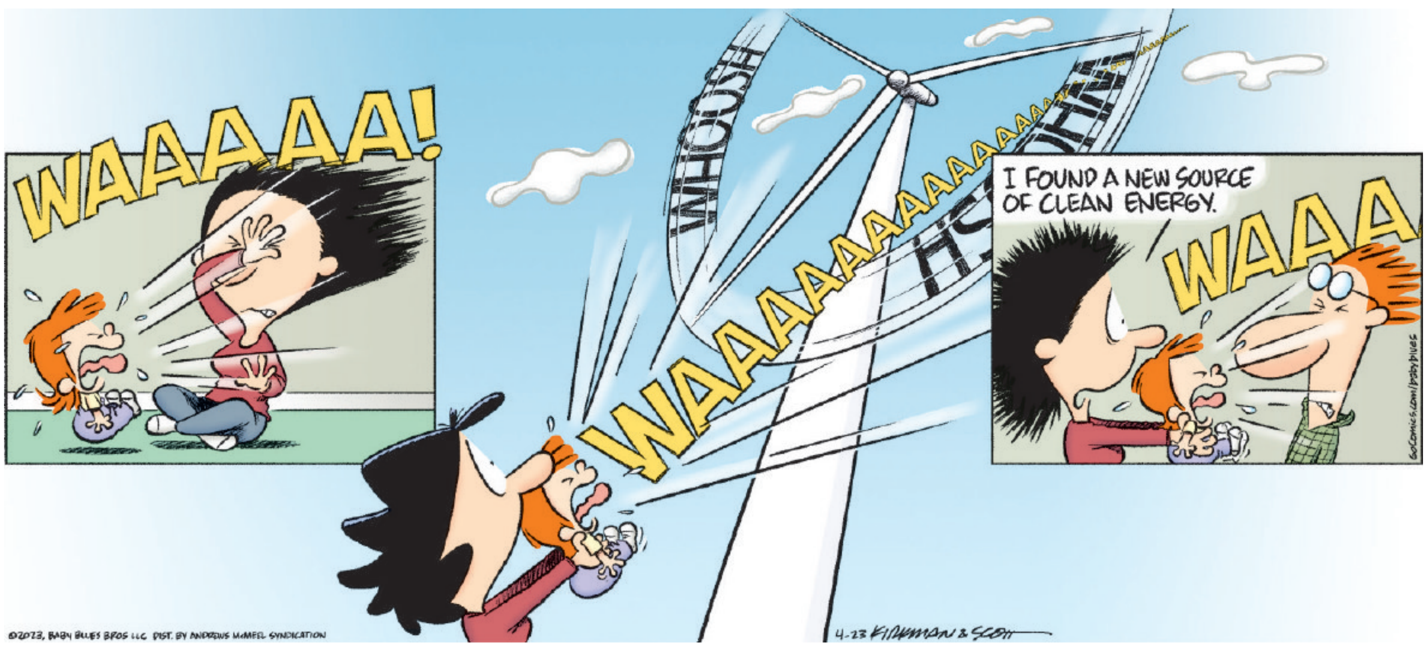
BRIAN CRANE
WE NEVER DID THAT.
YES, WE DID.
NO, WE DIDN'T.
WE DID TOO!
DIDN'T!
DID!
SEE? ISN'T THIS BETTER?

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott


WAAAAAA!
WHOOSH
WAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
I FOUND A NEW SOURCE OF CLEAN ENERGY.
WAAA
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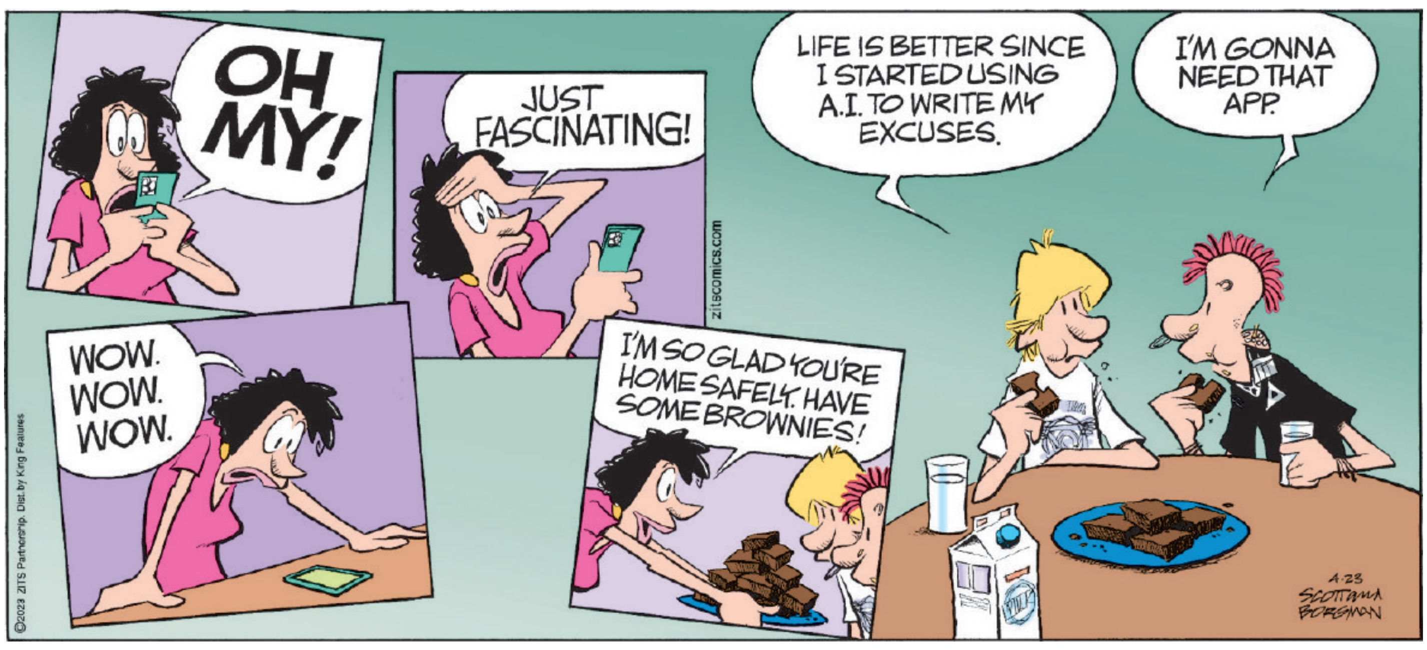
OH MY!
JUST FASCINATING!
WOW. WOW. WOW.
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HOME SAFELY. HAVE SOME BROWNIES!
LIFE IS BETTER SINCE I STARTED USING A.I. TO WRITE MY EXCUSES.
I'M GONNA NEED THAT APP.
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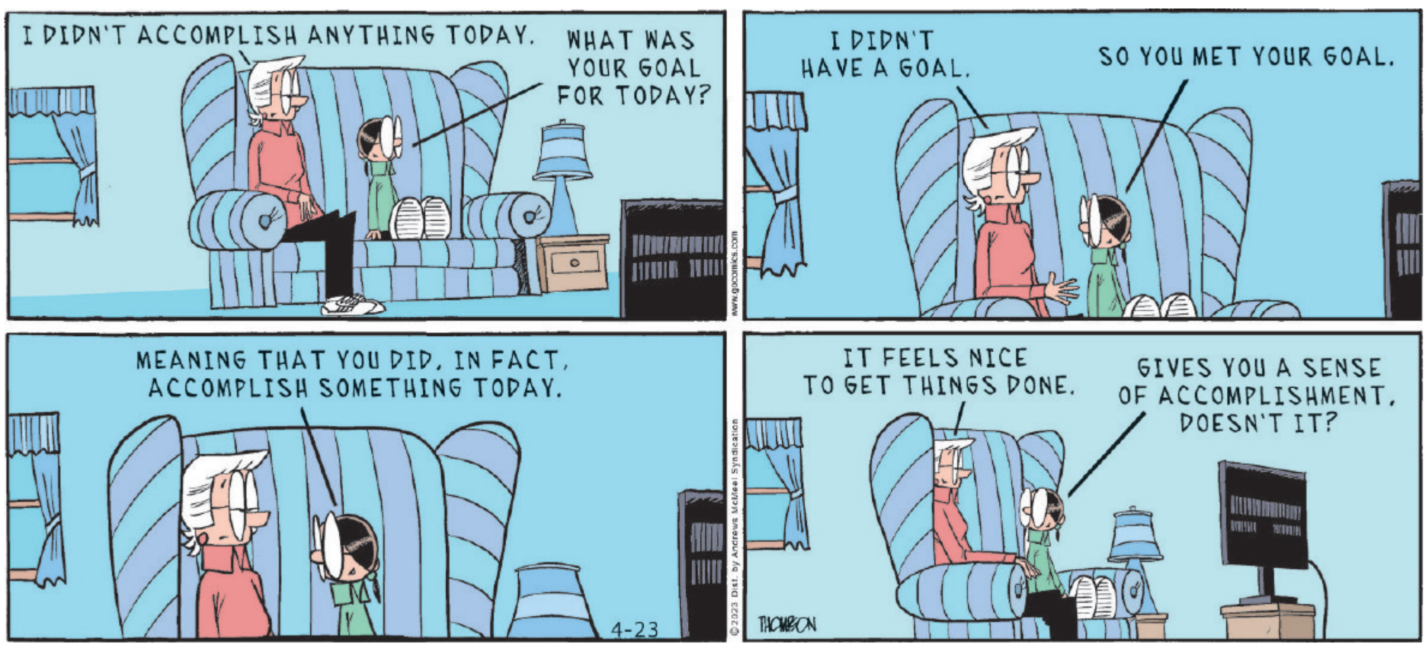
Grand Avenue By Mike Thompson


I DIDN'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING TODAY.
WHAT WAS YOUR GOAL FOR TODAY?
I DIDN'T HAVE A GOAL.
SO YOU MET YOUR GOAL.
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MEANING THAT YOU DID, IN FACT, ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING TODAY.
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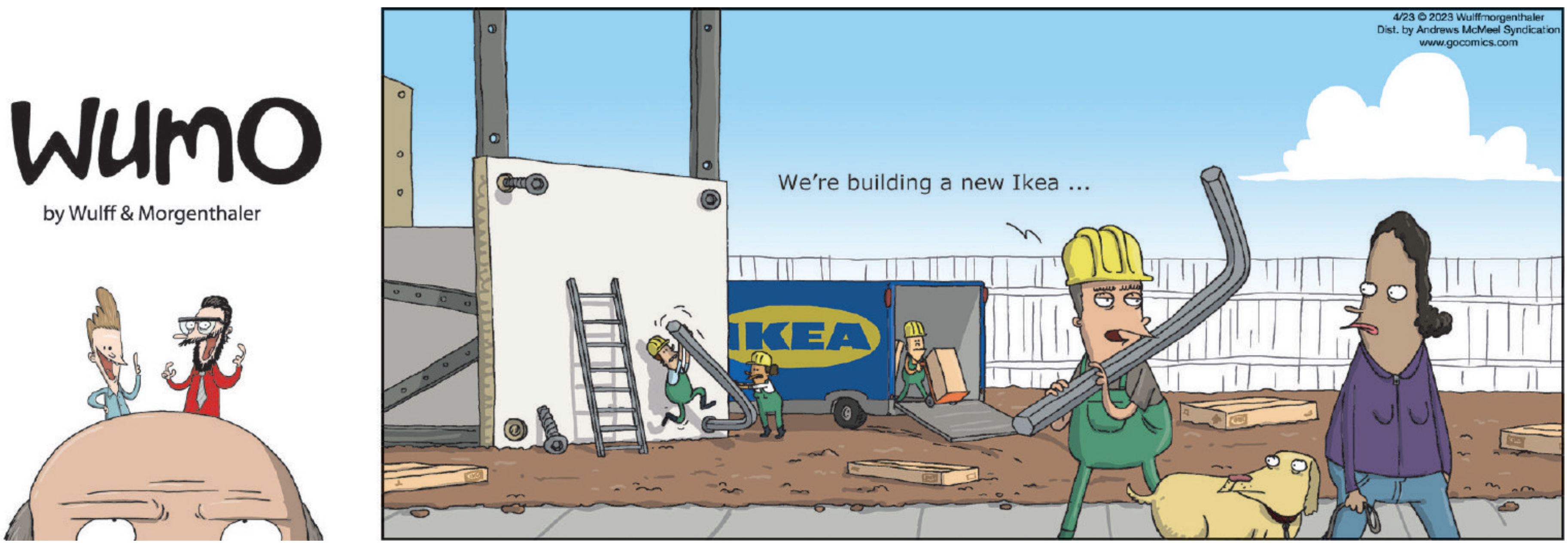
IT FEELS NICE TO GET THINGS DONE.
GIVES YOU A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT, DOESN'T IT?
THOMPSON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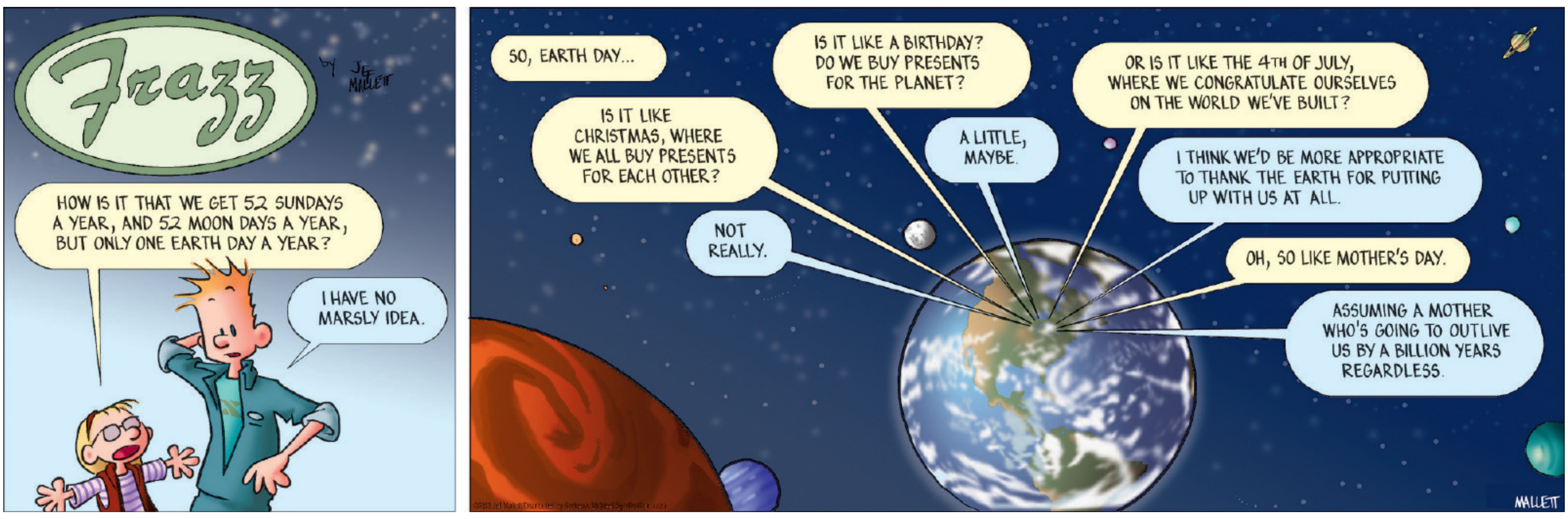
Frazz
by Jef Mallett
HOW IS IT THAT WE GET 52 SUNDAYS A YEAR, AND 52 MOON DAYS A YEAR, BUT ONLY ONE EARTH DAY A YEAR?
I HAVE NO MARSLY IDEA.
SO, EARTH DAY...
IS IT LIKE CHRISTMAS, WHERE WE ALL BUY PRESENTS FOR EACH OTHER?
IS IT LIKE A BIRTHDAY? DO WE BUY PRESENTS FOR THE PLANET?
NOT REALLY.
A LITTLE, MAYBE.
OR IS IT LIKE THE 4TH OF JULY, WHERE WE CONGRATULATE OURSELVES ON THE WORLD WE'VE BUILT?
I THINK WE'D BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO THANK THE EARTH FOR PUTTING UP WITH US AT ALL.
OH, SO LIKE MOTHER'S DAY.
ASSUMING A MOTHER WHO'S GOING TO OUTLIVE US BY A BILLION YEARS REGARDLESS.
MALLETT

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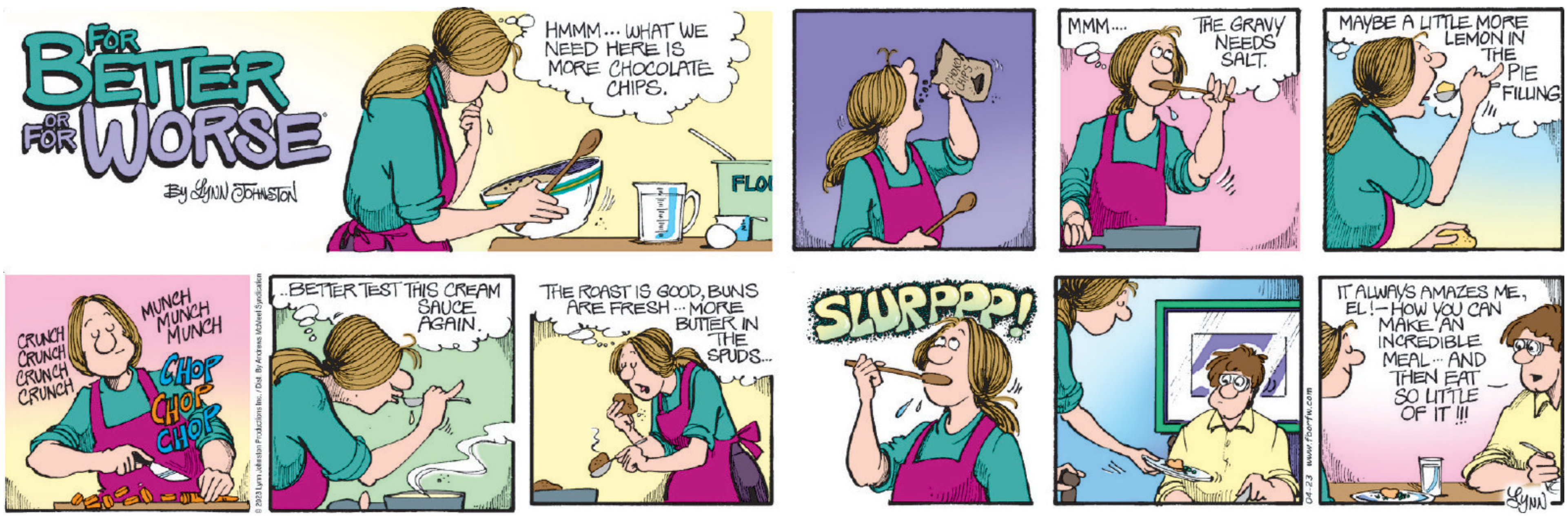
FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE
By Lynn Johnston
HMMM... WHAT WE NEED HERE IS MORE CHOCOLATE CHIPS.
FLO
CHOCO CHIPS
MMM....
THE GRAVY NEEDS SALT.
MAYBE A LITTLE MORE LEMON IN THE PIE FILLING
CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
CHOP CHOP CHOP
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..BETTER TEST THIS CREAM SAUCE AGAIN.
THE ROAST IS GOOD, BUNS ARE FRESH ... MORE BUTTER IN THE SPUDS...
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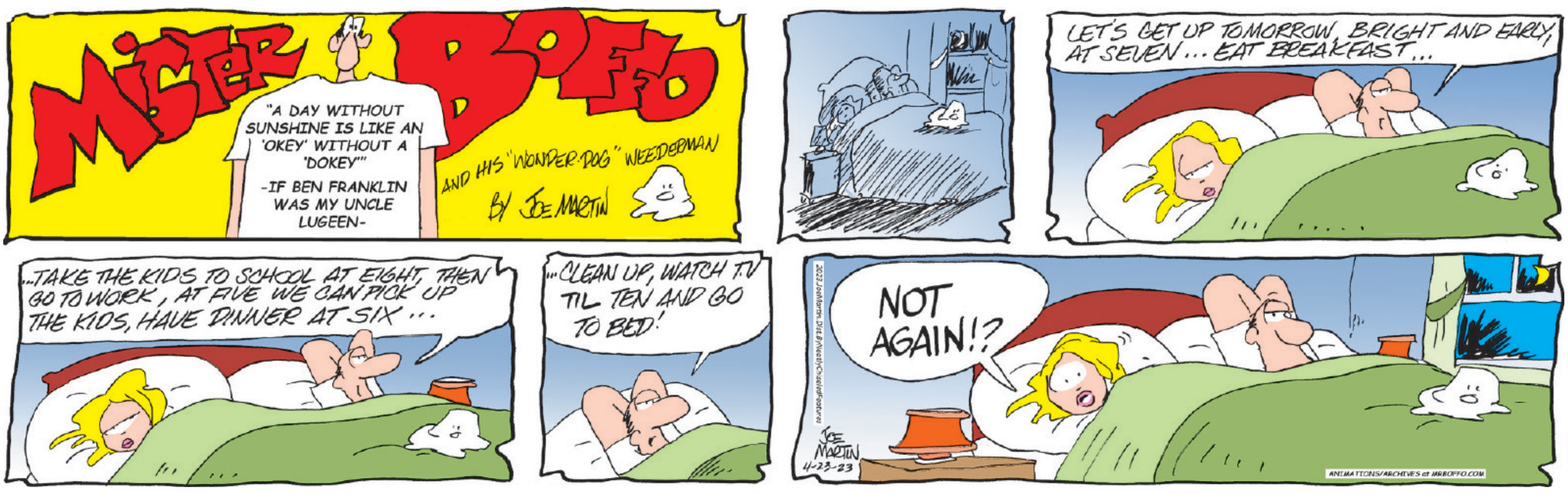
IT ALWAYS AMAZES ME, EL!—HOW YOU CAN MAKE AN INCREDIBLE MEAL... AND THEN EAT SO LITTLE OF IT !!!
Lynn


MISTER BOFFO
"A DAY WITHOUT SUNSHINE IS LIKE AN 'OKEY' WITHOUT A 'DOKEY'" -IF BEN FRANKLIN WAS MY UNCLE LUGEEN-
AND HIS "WONDER-DOG" WEEDERMAN
BY JOE MARTIN
LET'S GET UP TOMORROW, BRIGHT AND EARLY, AT SEVEN... EAT BREAKFAST...
...TAKE THE KIDS TO SCHOOL AT EIGHT, THEN GO TO WORK, AT FIVE WE CAN PICK UP THE KIDS, HAVE DINNER AT SIX...
...CLEAN UP, WATCH T.V. TIL TEN AND GO TO BED!
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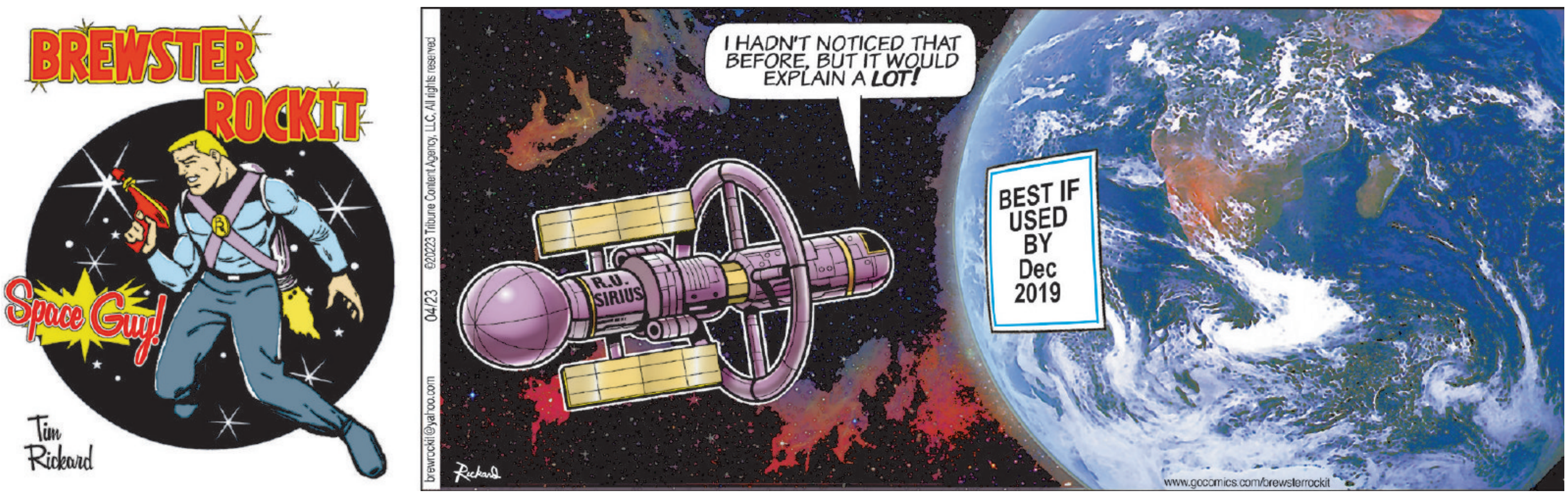
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Space Guy!
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I HADN'T NOTICED THAT BEFORE, BUT IT WOULD EXPLAIN A LOT!
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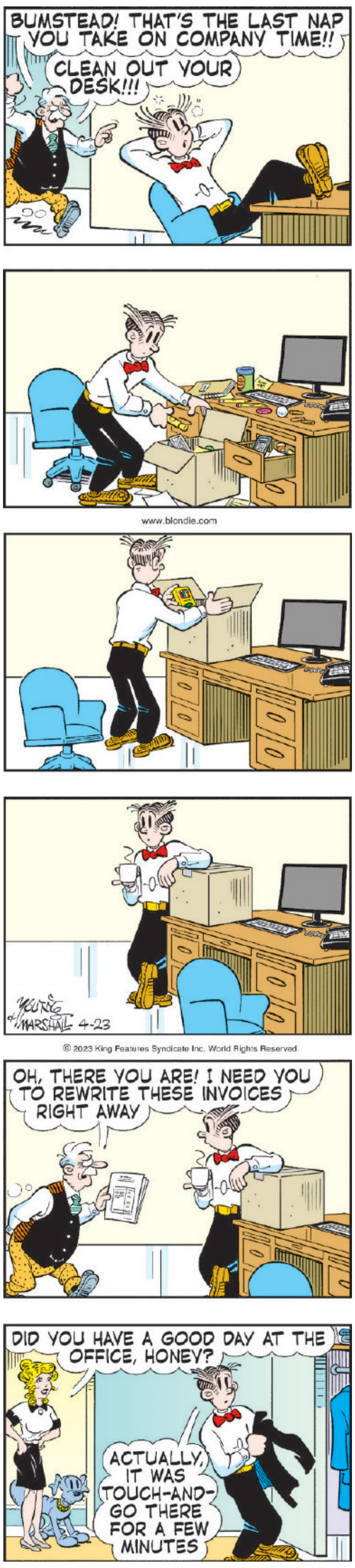
BUMSTEAD! THAT'S THE LAST NAP YOU TAKE ON COMPANY TIME!!
CLEAN OUT YOUR DESK!!!
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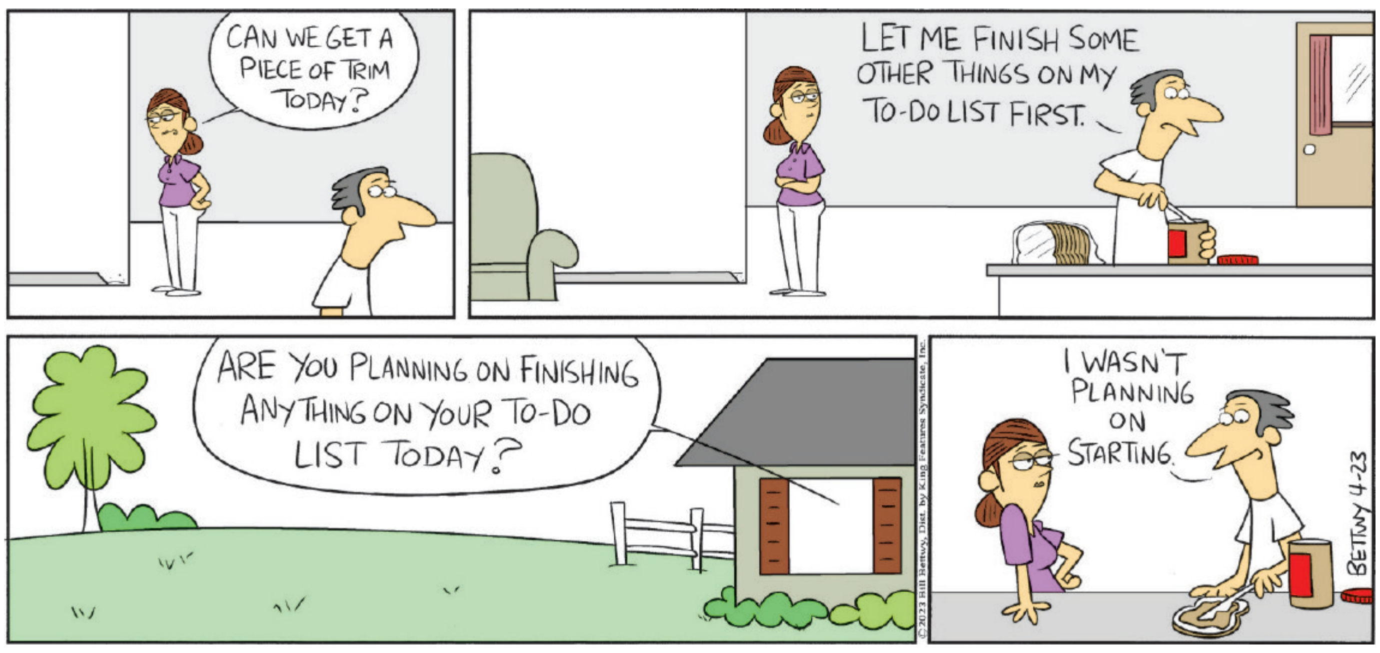
OH, THERE YOU ARE! I NEED YOU TO REWRITE THESE INVOICES RIGHT AWAY
DID YOU HAVE A GOOD DAY AT THE OFFICE, HONEY?
ACTUALLY, IT WAS TOUCH-AND-GO THERE FOR A FEW MINUTES

Take It From the Tinkersons By Bill Bettwy


CAN WE GET A PIECE OF TRIM TODAY?
LET ME FINISH SOME OTHER THINGS ON MY TO-DO LIST FIRST.
ARE YOU PLANNING ON FINISHING ANYTHING ON YOUR TO-DO LIST TODAY?
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I WASN'T PLANNING ON STARTING.
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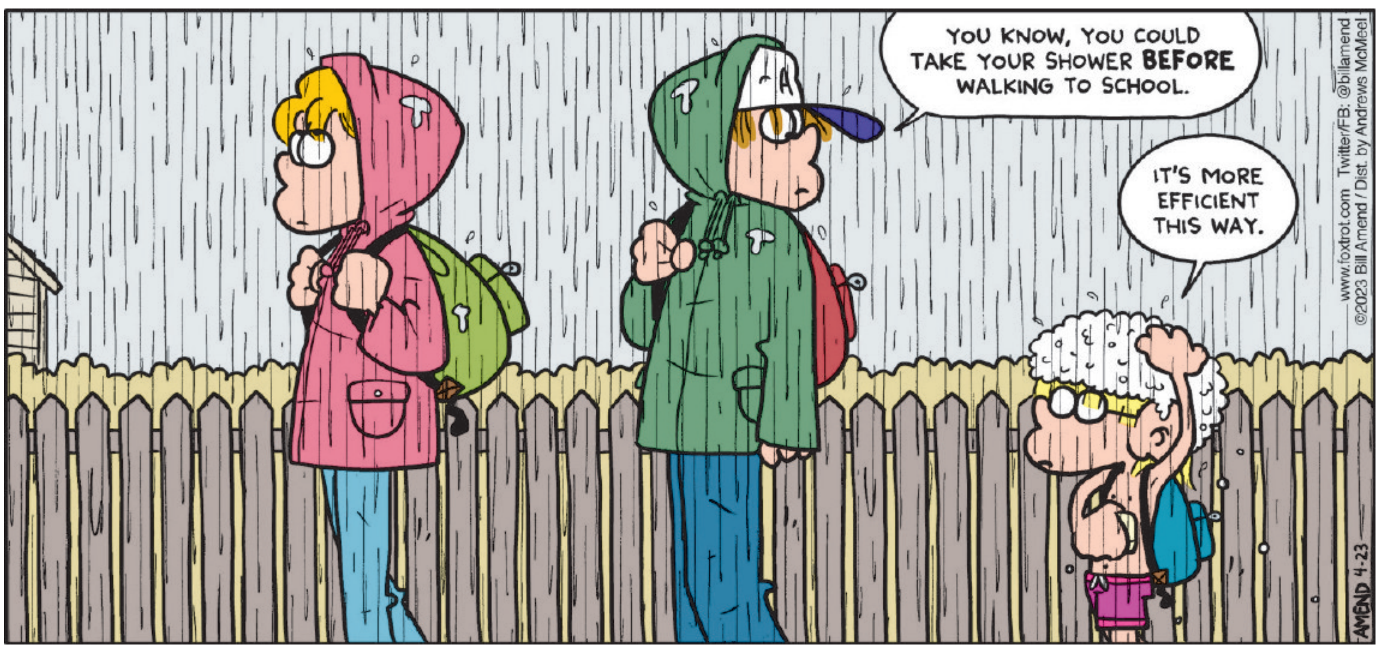
YOU KNOW, YOU COULD TAKE YOUR SHOWER BEFORE WALKING TO SCHOOL.
IT'S MORE EFFICIENT THIS WAY.
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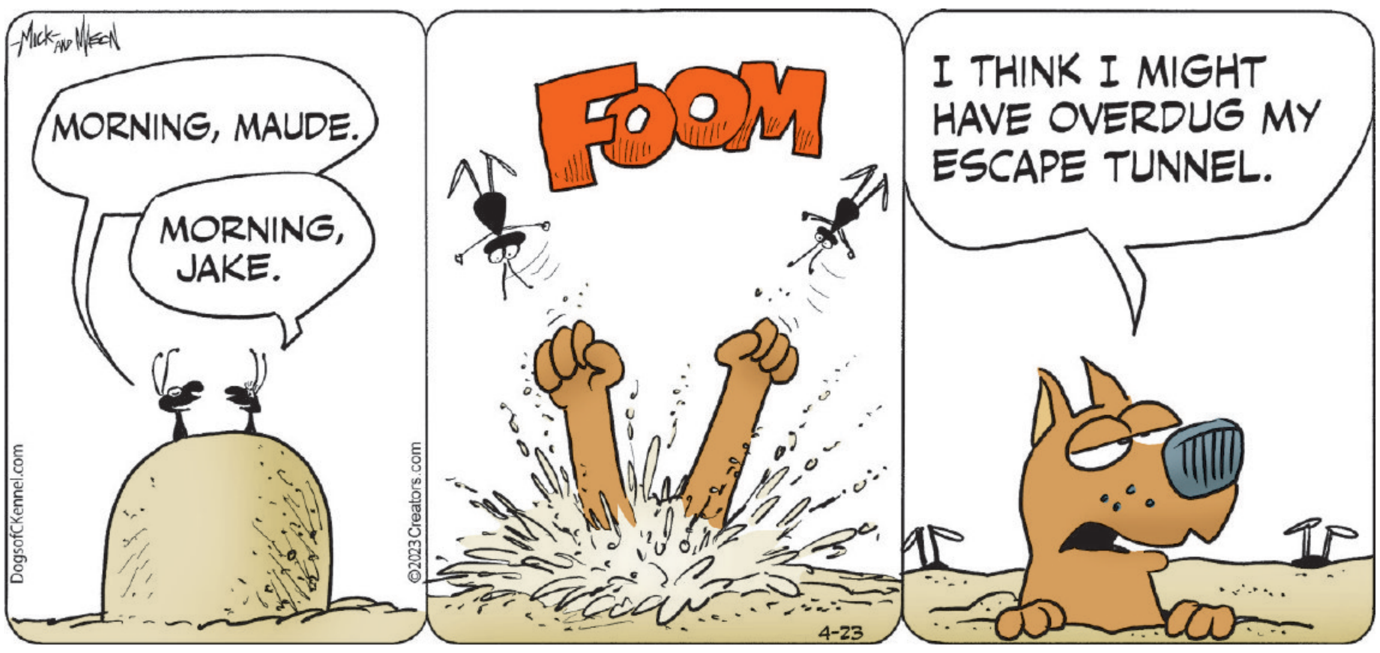
Dogs of C-Kennel By Mick and Mason Mastroianni


Mick and Mason
MORNING, MAUDE.
MORNING, JAKE.
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I THINK I MIGHT HAVE OVERDUG MY ESCAPE TUNNEL.

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National Onlies: One-of-a-kind countries

By Fred Piscop | Edited by Stanley Newman
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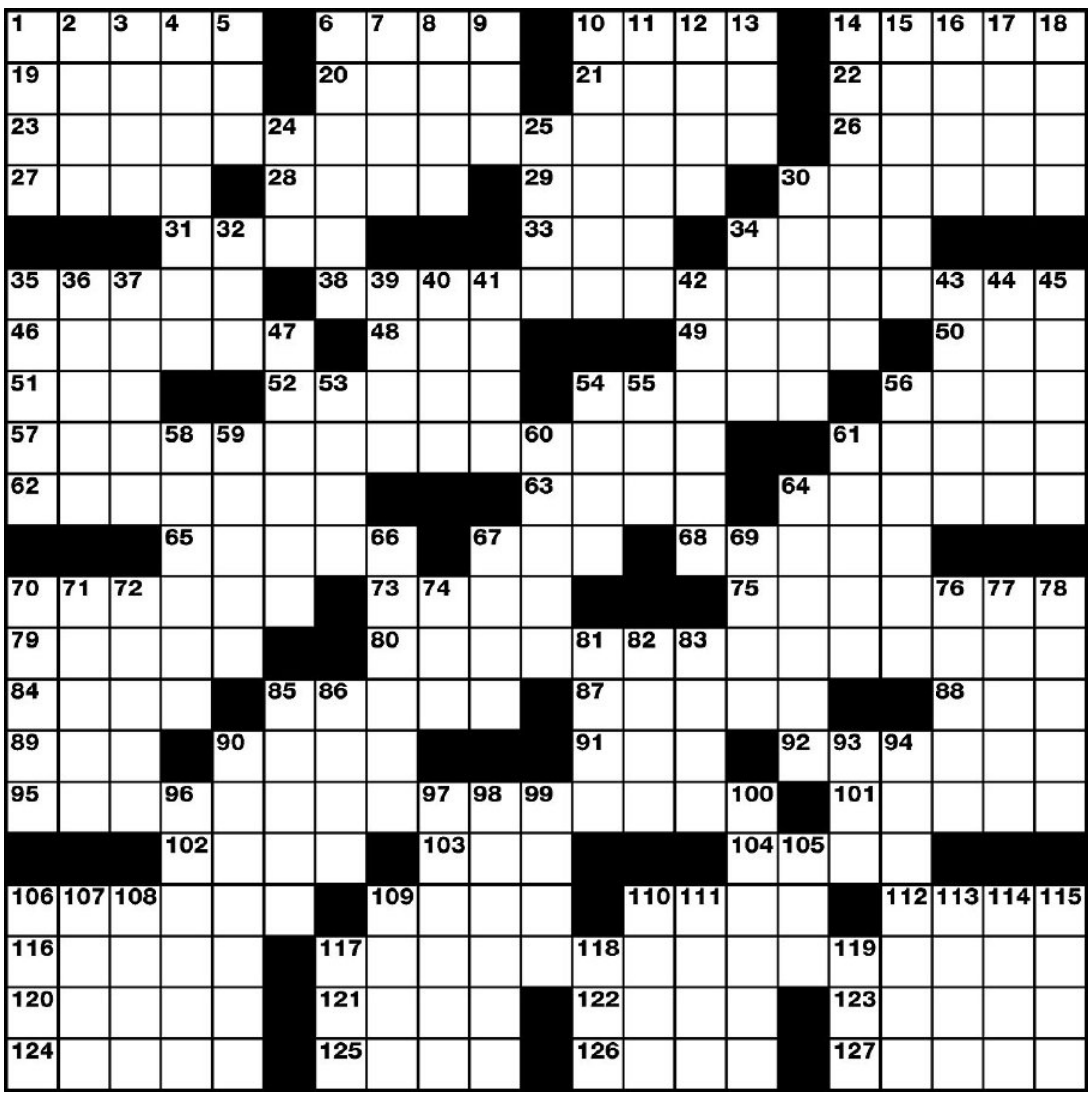

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Across

1 Perform brilliantly
6 Unappetizing food
10 Italian cheese, for short
14 Fastened, as boxing gloves
19 Ramshackle dwelling
20 Carnival amusement
21 The Thunderbirds' org.
22 Prefix for dome in San Antonio
23 Egypt: ___
26 Be very ambitious
27 Confined, with "up"
28 "Beware the ___ of March"
29 Brit's outcry
30 University of Florida team
31 Margarita garnish
33 Drag around
34 No great shakes
35 Stun gun
38 Dominican Republic: with ___
46 Very beginning
48 Lawyers' org.
49 Moisturizer additive
50 Slangy suffix
51 Oath taker's promise
52 More unusual
54 Type one's password
56 Mop partner
57 India: with native ___
61 Italian peak
62 Performer with no partner
63 Bollywood tune
64 Book of Judges strongman
65 Knight's mount
67 Cone bearer
68 A second time
70 "On the contrary ..."
73 Mosque leader
75 Right-leaning type
79 Farmland subdivisions
80 Santa Lucia: ___ of fact
84 Club payment
85 Talia of *Rocky* movies
87 Horse opera
88 Bill in a till
89 Off-roader, for short
90 Wing measurement
91 On, as a lamp
92 Business partner, perhaps
95 Japan: with a ___
101 Fur-trading tycoon
102 URL connection
103 Mortgage agency Ginnie ___
104 ___ St. Louis, IL
106 Royal abode
109 Mystery writer Macdonald
110 Bogus deal
112 Carmine and cardinal
116 How checks are signed
117 Nauru: ___
120 Present moment
121 Blunt blade
122 Choice that may be bold
123 Second segment of *Macbeth*
124 ATM key
125 First Lady after Eleanor
126 Carries a balance
127 Treasure holder

Down

1 Cutter or clipper
2 Make sharper
3 Doctor Pavlov
4 Gets snug
5 Manning of football
6 Dairy designation
7 Poem excerpt
8 Betting quotation
9 Stew veggie
10 Run after
11 Italian cheese
12 A bit improper
13 Deg. for a curator
14 Chef Emeril
15 Many, many
16 Baja resort
17 Qatari leader
18 Boxers and pugs
24 Project objective
25 Pervade
30 Climbed aboard
32 Intense emotion
34 Grain-storage tower
35 Labors long
36 ___ book (e-reader download)
37 Chair with no back
39 Minstrel poet
40 Skeptic's comment
41 Italian port city
42 Pesters
43 Books borrowed
44 Colleague of Kagan
45 Ancient Greek physician
47 Lost-package inquiry
53 First chip thrown in
54 Dramatic king
55 www.unicef.___
56 Grapefruit cousin
58 Quick bites
59 Overstuffs
60 Stubborn laundry dirt
61 Noisy parrot
64 63 Across instruments
66 Gourmet's passion
67 Celebrity status
69 Piano material
70 Pitching scout's tool
71 Sharp as a tack
72 Fountain with euros
74 Scratch up
76 What a folder says
77 Childish comeback
78 Scornful look
81 Mete (out)
82 Impartial
83 Bart's bus driver
85 Book's backing
86 Baseball great Aaron
90 Scornful laugh
93 Faux ___ (misstep)
94 Largest bird
96 Quick look
97 Hams it up
98 Crushes in the kitchen
99 Filipino coin
100 Flinches or blinks
105 What the Mayo Bros. (separately) once headed
106 Cleanser scent
107 Quote book abbr.
108 Cotton fuzz
109 Ready for reaping
110 Pack away neatly
111 Bamboo stalk
113 Suffix for kitchen
114 Banquet platform
115 Buttonhole, basically
117 Metaphor for deceit
118 ETs' transport
119 ___-12 athletic conference

In the End

By Garrett Chalfin
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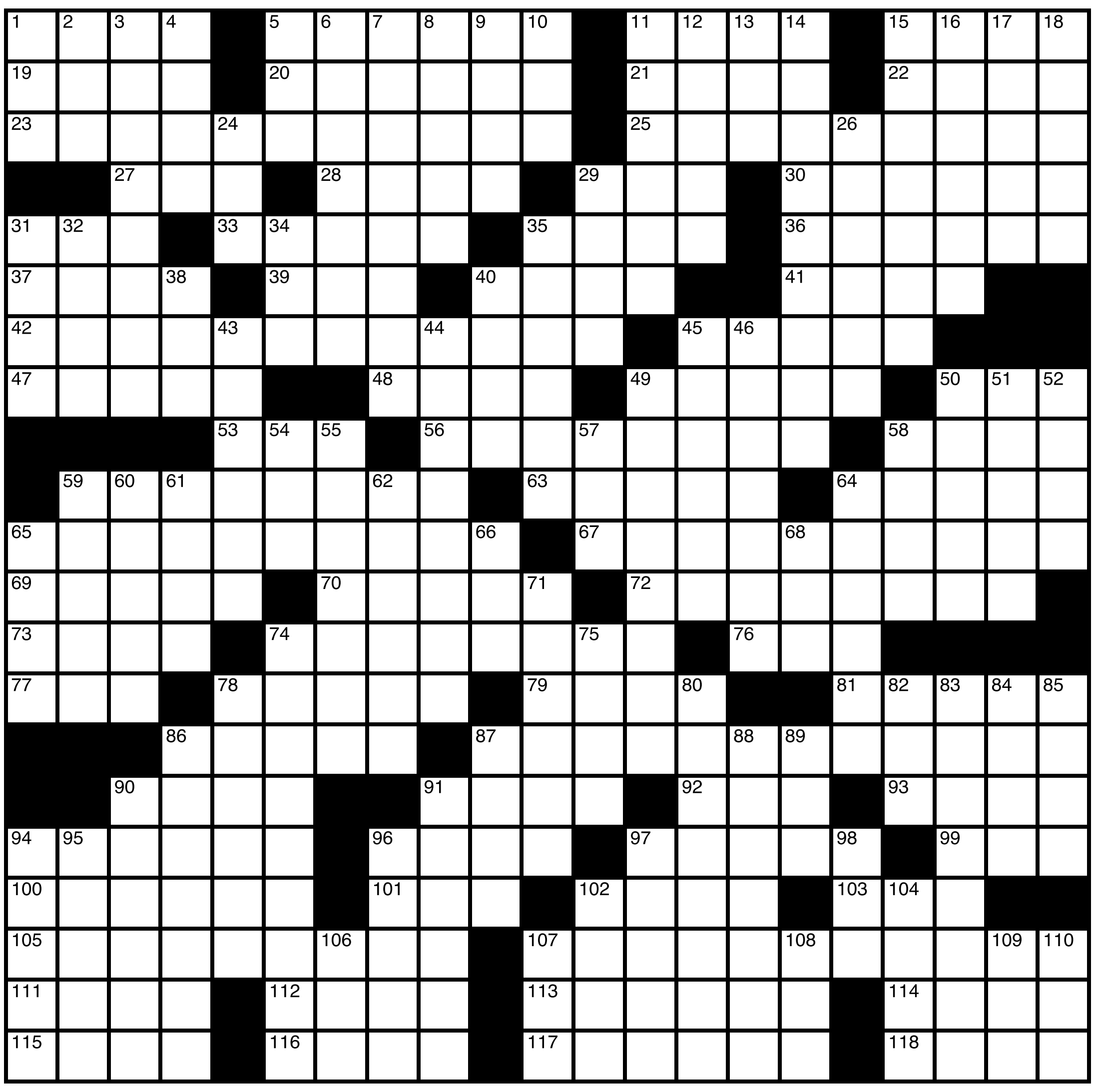

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1 2006 NBA Finals MVP Dwyane
5 Wiccans, Druids, etc.
11 Start of an idea
15 Soaks (up)
19 "I wasn't finished!"
20 Greetings
21 Old music halls
22 Atmosphere
23 Exclamation at a Chinese New Year parade?
25 Homemade cat costume?
27 Sammie
28 Ilhan of Congress
29 Lunch spot, for short
30 Spoke without a sound?
31 Crime drama character
33 Buffalo NHL player
35 Pixar fish
36 Chocolate chips and walnuts for banana bread, perhaps
37 Very soon after
39 Steamed bun
40 Sound from a pen
41 Untamed
42 Havana cigar that hits all the right notes?
45 Motivation
47 Bathroom or kitchen device
48 BTS genre
49 Schoolyard retort
50 Old den device
53 "___ Miz"
56 [I have to explain this again?]
58 ___-chic
59 Like a rave review
63 Mario Kart participant
64 Euripides tragedy
65 Evian, e.g.?
67 To whom a young sea monster goes for advice?
69 Affirms
70 Morgan of Arthurian legend
72 "You'll see--this'll be easy!"
73 Barber's tool
74 Fizzless drink
76 Early Beatles bassist Sutcliffe
77 Hosp. theaters
78 CBS sportscaster Phil
79 Camper's snack
81 Charter
86 Songs
87 Unusually low tax bill?
90 Family nickname
91 Biceps, slangily
92 Melber of MSNBC
93 Urge on
94 Whine tearfully
96 "Sula" novelist Morrison
97 Viswanathan who was the first chess grandmaster from India
99 Texting nicety
100 Clemson athletes
101 Fix, in a way
102 Disdainful sounds
103 Trawling need
105 So tired of eating pork for breakfast?
107 Observation at a zoo's big cat exhibit?
111 Drudge
112 Swag
113 Had a victory
114 Unaided
115 Avec's opposite
116 Giant fair
117 Sunset shade
118 Freshly

Down

1 URL letters
2 "That hits the spot"
3 Scattered population
4 "Julius Caesar" accusation
5 Prof's deg., often
6 Stunt pilot
7 Campy 1970s music genre
8 Sushi roll exterior
9 Former Queen of Jordan
10 Tax form digits
11 Stop posting on social media, say
12 Enlighten
13 "Summertime Sadness" singer Lana Del ___
14 Words said after lighting birthday candles
15 Went unused
16 Eclipsed
17 Groom feathers
18 Smooths, as wood
24 Crunch time target?
26 "Amor & Pasión" popera vocal group
29 Hartford's st.
31 Beer pong receptacles
32 Gp. founded in Baghdad in 1960
34 "The Bachelor" network
35 Luvs product
38 Org. for Cardinals and Saints
40 Concert wind
43 Fishers with pots
44 Kite aids
45 Least rainy
46 Go back
49 Pictures of characters
50 Cape Cod alcohol
51 Sound from a nest
52 Equine hue
54 NYC hrs.
55 Jojo Moyes novel about a woman starting a new life
57 Furry foot
58 Lima ___
59 Party gift
60 Inventory list
61 Move or groove
62 Top squads
64 Longtime Takei role
65 Texas city featured in most "Fixer Upper" episodes
66 "One Mic" rapper
68 Actress Dennings
71 Hindu or Buddhist spiritual leader
74 "No refunds" transaction
75 Polka ___
78 Top-notch
80 Sea food
82 Joule fraction
83 Animal shelter goal
84 Letter closer
85 Wraps up
86 Bars
87 Organ with alveoli
88 Blackboard chore
89 Receptacle
90 Bird in Mo Willems books
91 Start discussing
94 Timetable listings
95 Skin care brand in blue containers
96 Girl Scout's outfit?
97 Lotus position, e.g.
98 Genetic letters
102 Hammer-wielding superhero in Marvel films
104 Older "Frozen" sister
106 Actress Courteney
107 Couple
108 Understand
109 Flamenco shout
110 This second

Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

DEFARO
○○☐☐○☐

TORPOU
☐☐○☐○○

SSQUHA
☐○○○☐☐

PNGUUL
○☐☐○○☐

SWERHD
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QWUASK
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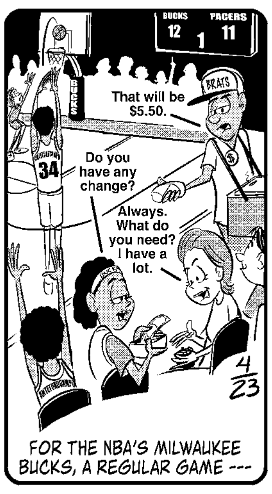
BUCKS 12
PACERS 11
1
BRATS
That will be $5.50.
Do you have any change?
Always. What do you need? I have a lot.
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FOR THE NBA'S MILWAUKEE BUCKS, A REGULAR GAME ---

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

○○○○○○ ○○○○ ○○○○○○○○

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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: 1 2 **3** 4

1							3	6
8	3			4				7
	5	9		8		1		
					4			9
		8				2		
7			6					
				3			1	
9							5	8
5	6							3

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Quote-Acrostic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues	Words
A. Excludes: 2 wds.	56 25 145 106 149 81 119 71 154
B. Follower of toreador	103 22 9 40 88 55 7
C. Provided with talent	32 15 113 70 17 80 4
D. Sleepwear	46 100 62 90 75 16 84 107 65 29
E. Before: 2 wds.	6 158 143 123 50 95 130
F. Kind of journalist	87 112 114 157 135 126 64 52 38 72
G. Sponger	54 161 137 147 148 44 86 30
H. Eccentric person	118 42 28 124 128 34
I. Bony	53 69 27 63 11 96 5
J. Was in charge: 3 wds.	120 49 58 20 31 99 101 37 105 79
K. Lively; gallant	121 83 13 18 45 117 59
L. Judicial summons	94 60 35 104 139 116 132 77
M. Functions; works	2 138 93 108 19 89 125 122
N. Disgusted: 2 wds.	156 51 134 153 160
O. Form an hypothesis	78 82 74 10 26 131 142 91
P. Vigor; vitality	111 68 14 12 36 76
Q. Forceful	8 140 85 97 47 133 24 102 73
R. Whine and complain	39 159 48 21 127 92
S. Direction of gravitational pull	129 57 41 23 115 1 66 67 144
T. Humiliation	61 43 33 136 98 151 109 152 146
U. Varnish ingredient	3 155 110 141 150

■	■	1 S	2 M	3 U	4 C	5 I	■	6 E	7 B
8 Q	■	9 B	10 O	11 I	12 P	13 K	■	14 P	15 C
16 D	■	17 C	18 K	19 M	20 J	■	21 R	22 B	23 S
24 Q	25 A	26 O	27 I	■	28 H	29 D	■	30 G	31 J
32 C	■	33 T	34 H	35 L	■	36 P	37 J	38 F	39 R
■	40 B	41 S	42 H	■	43 T	44 G	45 K	46 D	47 Q
■	48 R	49 J	50 E	51 N	■	52 F	53 I	■	54 G
55 B	■	56 A	57 S	58 J	59 K	60 L	61 T	62 D	63 I
■	64 F	65 D	■	66 S	■	67 S	68 P	69 I	70 C
71 A	72 F	73 Q	74 O	■	75 D	76 P	77 L	78 O	■
79 J	80 C	■	81 A	82 O	83 K	84 D	85 Q	■	86 G
87 F	88 B	■	89 M	90 D	91 O	■	92 R	93 M	94 L
95 E	96 I	97 Q	98 T	99 J	■	100 D	101 J	■	102 Q
103 B	104 L	105 J	106 A	107 D	108 M	109 T	110 U	111 P	112 F
113 C	■	114 F	115 S	116 L	117 K	■	118 H	119 A	120 J
121 K	122 M	■	123 E	124 H	125 M	■	126 F	127 R	128 H
129 S	130 E	131 O	132 L	133 Q	134 N	■	135 F	136 T	137 G
138 M	139 L	140 Q	141 U	142 O	143 E	144 S	■	145 A	146 T
147 G	■	148 G	149 A	150 U	151 T	■	152 T	153 N	154 A
■	155 U	156 N	■	157 F	158 E	159 R	160 N	161 G	■

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Choice

By Charles Preston

Across

1 Bough
5 Catch
8 Moccasin
11 Florida citrus center
13 Bassoon's kin
15 Asiatic woody vine
17 Start of a comment by 45 Across
19 *The Way We* ___
20 Captivates
21 Scorn
23 Follower of Paul
24 More of the comment
25 Personas
28 Sault ___ Marie
30 Swiss stream
31 More of the comment
34 Honshu city
38 Under the weather
39 Chin attachment
40 Function
42 Dyer's need
43 Dutch genre artist
45 Author of the comment
48 Aged: abbr.
50 Shoe width
51 City on the Humboldt
52 Made in heaven, hopefully
56 Road warning
58 Tool
59 Less likely to be swayed
63 Muslim judge
64 End of the comment
66 KKK unit
67 Cartoonist Thomas
68 French pewter
69 Chang's twin
70 Re followers
71 Part of QED

Down

1 Actor Rob
2 Niche occupant
3 Someone remembered
4 Scar, *e.g.*
5 Hallowe'en cries
6 ___ Dhabi
7 Israel's Meir
8 Talclike
9 "Experience keeps ___ school": Franklin
10 Brazilian Indian
12 Presently
14 Polish soprano Gruberova
16 Unaspirate
18 Takes by force
22 Ruffled
24 Cartoonist Gardner
25 Goddess of discord
26 Young sow
27 Give a wolfish look
29 Godly prefix
32 ___ anyone?
33 Artist's model, at times
35 Track shape
36 Chore
37 Roman emperor
41 Tends
44 On the payroll
46 Whiz start
47 Newborn child
49 Memorial mound
52 Filth
53 Dickens title starter
54 Fortification
55 Shine
57 Like a Ranger?
59 Fast flyers, for short
60 Steeplejack's item
61 Name for a Lamb
62 Torn
65 ___ *Lay Dying*

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1	2	3	4	■	■	5	6	7	■	■	8	9	10	■
11				12	■	13			14	■	15			16
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63				■	64		65							
66				■	67				■	68				
■	69			■	■	70			■	■	71			

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Last week's crosswords

"Out of This World"

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S	T	Y	■	S	T	I	N	T	■	S	A	N	D	■	T	O	S	S	E	S

"Stereo Types"

A	T	A	D	■	U	S	C	■	E	W	E	S	■	■	T	U	N	I	C	S
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"Hit and Ms."

R	O	O	F	■	■	T	A	T	A	■	D	I	A	L
U	L	N	A	■	R	E	M	U	S	■	E	R	N	E
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P	E	A	R	■	P	E	T	S	■	■	R	O	S	Y

Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Arthur) MILLER: DEATH OF A SALESMAN: Once in my life I'd like to own something outright before it's broken... I just finished paying for the car and it's on its last legs... They time these things... so when you finally paid for them, they're used up.

Last week's Sudoku

2	5	6	3	1	9	7	8	4
8	1	9	5	7	4	2	6	3
3	4	7	8	6	2	1	9	5
5	3	2	1	4	6	9	7	8
4	6	8	7	9	3	5	1	2
9	7	1	2	5	8	3	4	6
6	2	4	9	3	7	8	5	1
1	9	3	4	8	5	6	2	7
7	8	5	6	2	1	4	3	9

This week's Jumble

FEDORA SQUASH SHREWD
UPROOT UNPLUG SQUAWK

For the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks, a regular game —

EQUALS FOUR QUARTERS

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Interactive puzzles and games

Horoscopes

Today's birthday (April 23): Luck follows organization this year. Friendship and community connections grow with care. Savor private productivity and creativity this spring. Shifting perspectives with a partner this summer motivates physical accomplishments this autumn. Stay true to yourself and your word, especially next winter. Plot your bold vision.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Enjoy heart to heart conversations. Your words inspire others to take action. Use your persuasive charms for a good cause. Deepen connections. Discuss possibilities.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Make a delightful discovery. New income is possible. Disciplined efforts pay off. Conserve and preserve valuable resources. Stay open for a dreamy project.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Spring into action. Invent and pursue an exciting personal possibility. Follow a passion for fun, growth and discovery. Investigate your own potential.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Let love direct your course. Avoid noise, crowds or distraction. You can get especially productive in private. Invent and realize a delightful possibility.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Win through collaboration. Listen to friends before making an important decision. Network to share data and resources. All for one and one for all.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Discuss professional opportunities with trusted allies and advisors. Get insight from a diversity of views. Put your heart into your work and it flowers.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Pursue dreamy assignments and collaborators. Let someone draw you into another world. Dig into research and studies. Do the homework to make a strong case.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Manage legal, insurance and financial affairs. Find clever ways to reuse and repurpose things. Save and generate resources for the ones you love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Collaboration flowers with communication. Your partner has good ideas, too. Listen, learn and provide unwavering support. You're an unbeatable team. Coordinate accomplishments together.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Demand for your work is high. Balance a busy schedule to recharge with exercise, good food and rest. Take advantage of good conditions to advance.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Love is the game and the prize. Create works of beauty. Practice your arts, talents and charms. Inspire action for good. Express your heart.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Manage domestic systems for shared comfort, ease and functionality. Coordinate responsibilities for family harmony. Cook up something delicious. Get creative with substitutions and ingredients.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

Bridge

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A Q J 10 7 5 ♥ 7 3 ♦ Q 8 6 ♣ 9 5
Right-hand opponent opens 1D. What call would you make?

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ J 8 6 3 ♥ 4 2 ♦ A Q 7 6 2 ♣ Q 8

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♥	Pass	?

What call would you make?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A Q 10 8 7 6 4 ♥ J 8 ♦ Void ♣ K Q 7 5

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 10 8 ♥ A 9 8 6 4 ♦ A 8 3 ♣ A Q J
Right-hand opponent opens 1D. What call would you make?

Answers in Monday's comics pages.

— Bob Jones
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Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

IMAGINE (ih-MAJ-in): To form a mental image of something not present.

Can you find 18 or more words in IMAGINE?

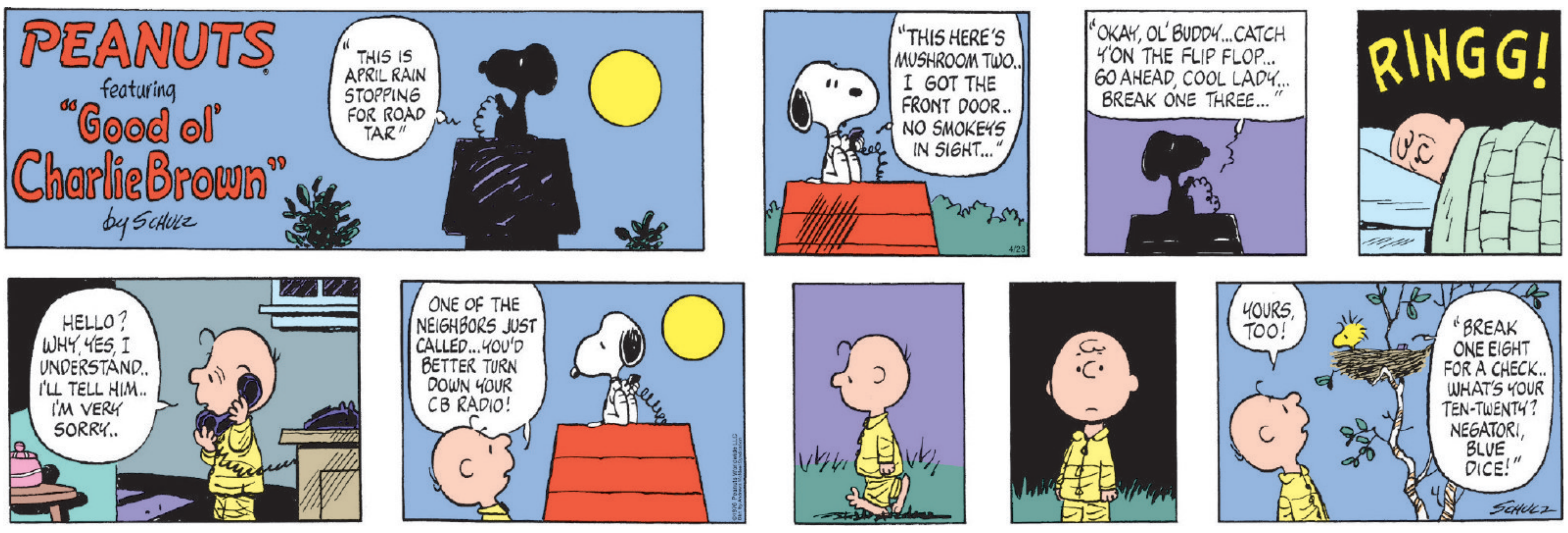
Average mark: 14 words
Time limit: 30 minutes

Here are the rules: 1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

Answers to the word game:

image; magi; main; mane; mange; mean; mega; mien; mine; mini; aiming; amen; anime; gain; game; gamin; name; enigma

— Kathleen Saxe, distributed by Andrews McMeel Syndication for UFS


PEANUTS
featuring "Good ol' CharlieBrown"
by SCHULZ
"THIS IS APRIL RAIN STOPPING FOR ROAD TAR"
"THIS HERE'S MUSHROOM TWO.. I GOT THE FRONT DOOR.. NO SMOKEYS IN SIGHT..."
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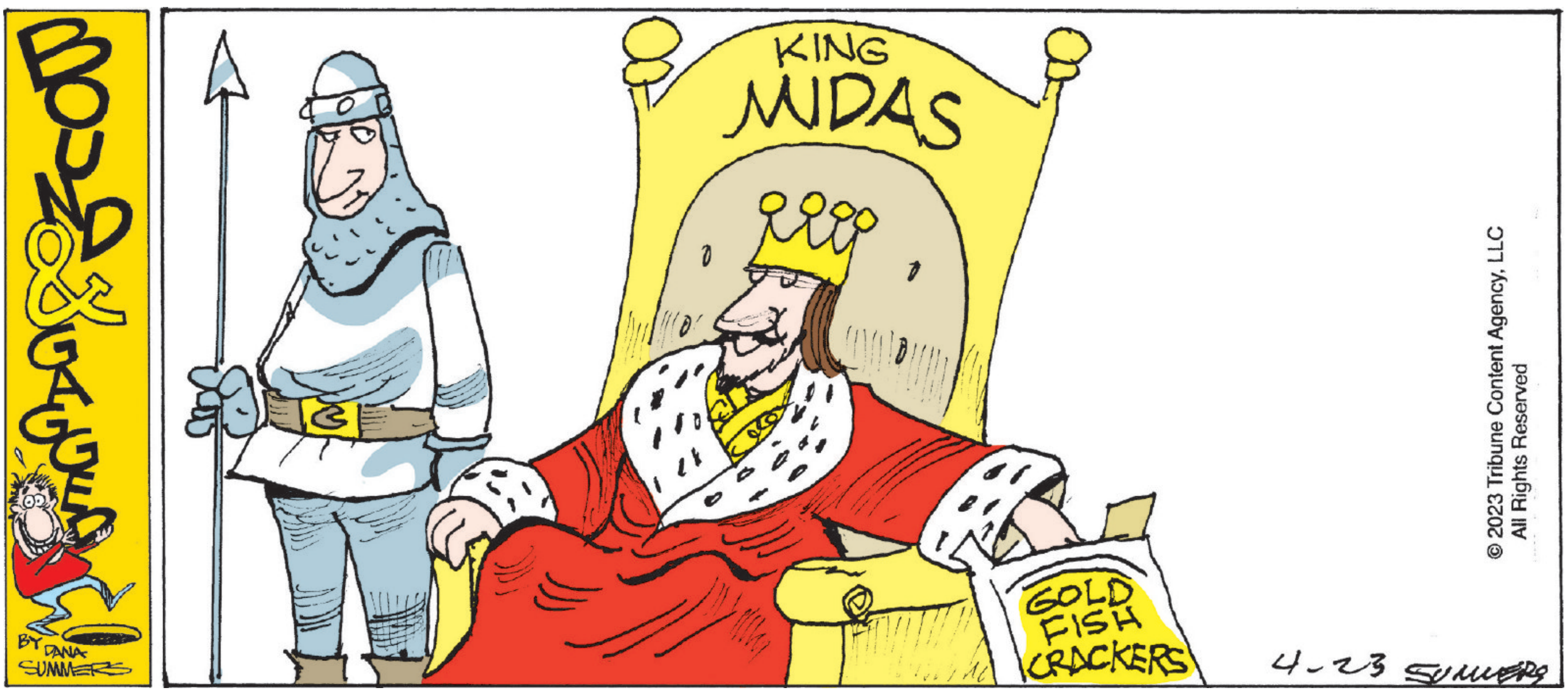
"OKAY, OL' BUDDY...CATCH YON THE FLIP FLOP... GO AHEAD, COOL LADY... BREAK ONE THREE..."
RINGG!
HELLO? WHY, YES, I UNDERSTAND.. I'LL TELL HIM.. I'M VERY SORRY..
ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS JUST CALLED...YOU'D BETTER TURN DOWN YOUR CB RADIO!
YOURS, TOO!
"BREAK ONE EIGHT FOR A CHECK.. WHAT'S YOUR TEN-TWENTY? NEGATORI, BLUE DICE!"
SCHULZ


BOUND & GAGGED
BY DANA SUMMERS
KING MIDAS
GOLD FISH CRACKERS
4-23 SUMMERS

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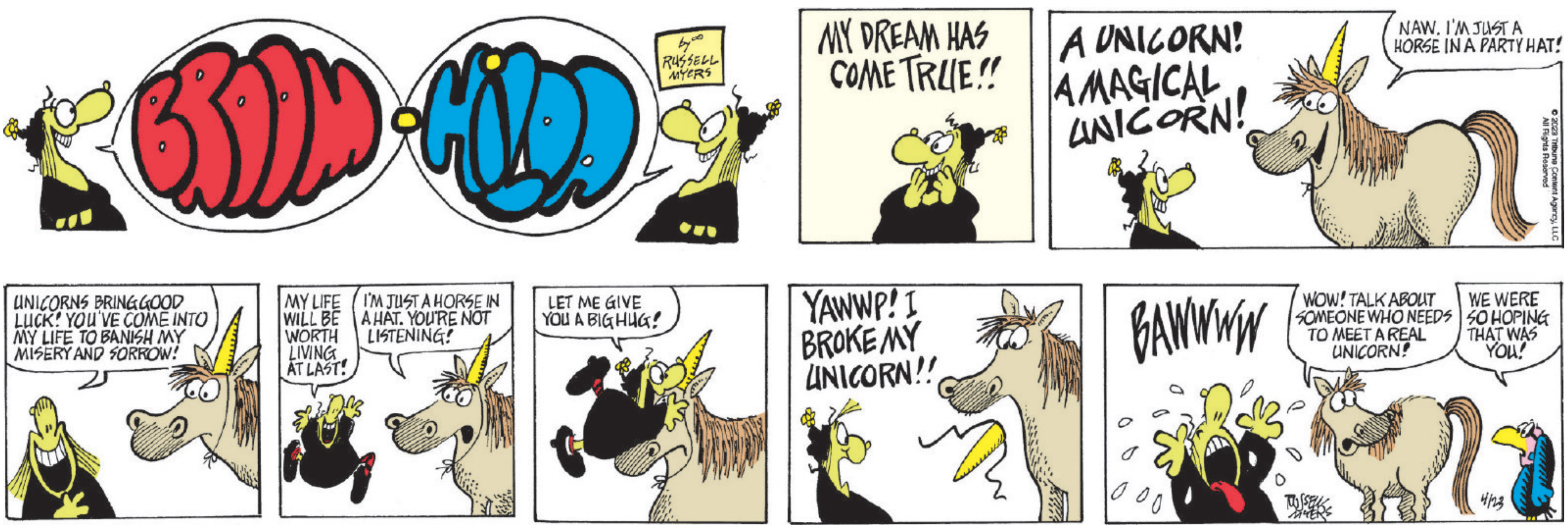
BROOM-HILDA
by RUSSELL MYERS
MY DREAM HAS COME TRUE!!
A UNICORN! A MAGICAL UNICORN!
NAW. I'M JUST A HORSE IN A PARTY HAT!
UNICORNS BRING GOOD LUCK! YOU'VE COME INTO MY LIFE TO BANISH MY MISERY AND SORROW!
MY LIFE WILL BE WORTH LIVING AT LAST!
I'M JUST A HORSE IN A HAT. YOU'RE NOT LISTENING!
LET ME GIVE YOU A BIG HUG!
YAWWP! I BROKE MY UNICORN!!
BAWWWW
WOW! TALK ABOUT SOMEONE WHO NEEDS TO MEET A REAL UNICORN!
WE WERE SO HOPING THAT WAS YOU!
RUSSELL MYERS
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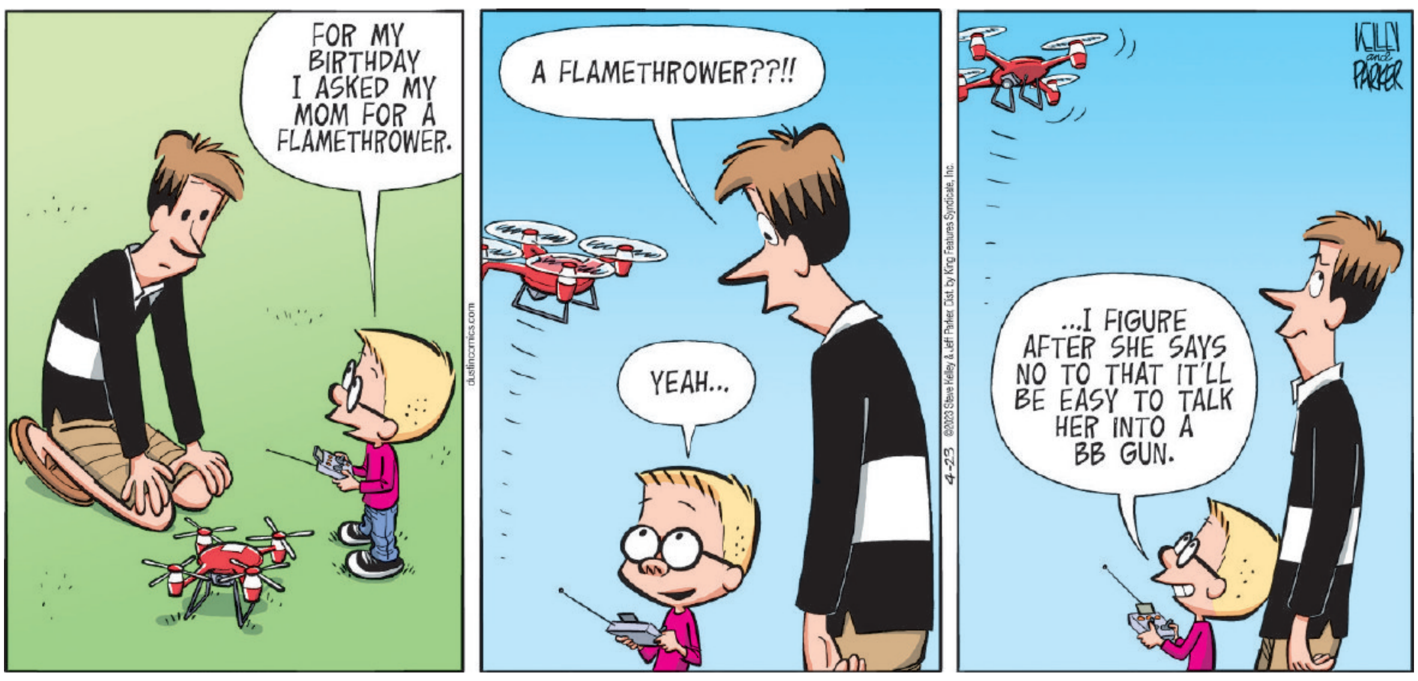
Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker


FOR MY BIRTHDAY I ASKED MY MOM FOR A FLAMETHROWER.
dustincomics.com
A FLAMETHROWER??!!
YEAH...
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KELLEY and PARKER
...I FIGURE AFTER SHE SAYS NO TO THAT IT'LL BE EASY TO TALK HER INTO A BB GUN.

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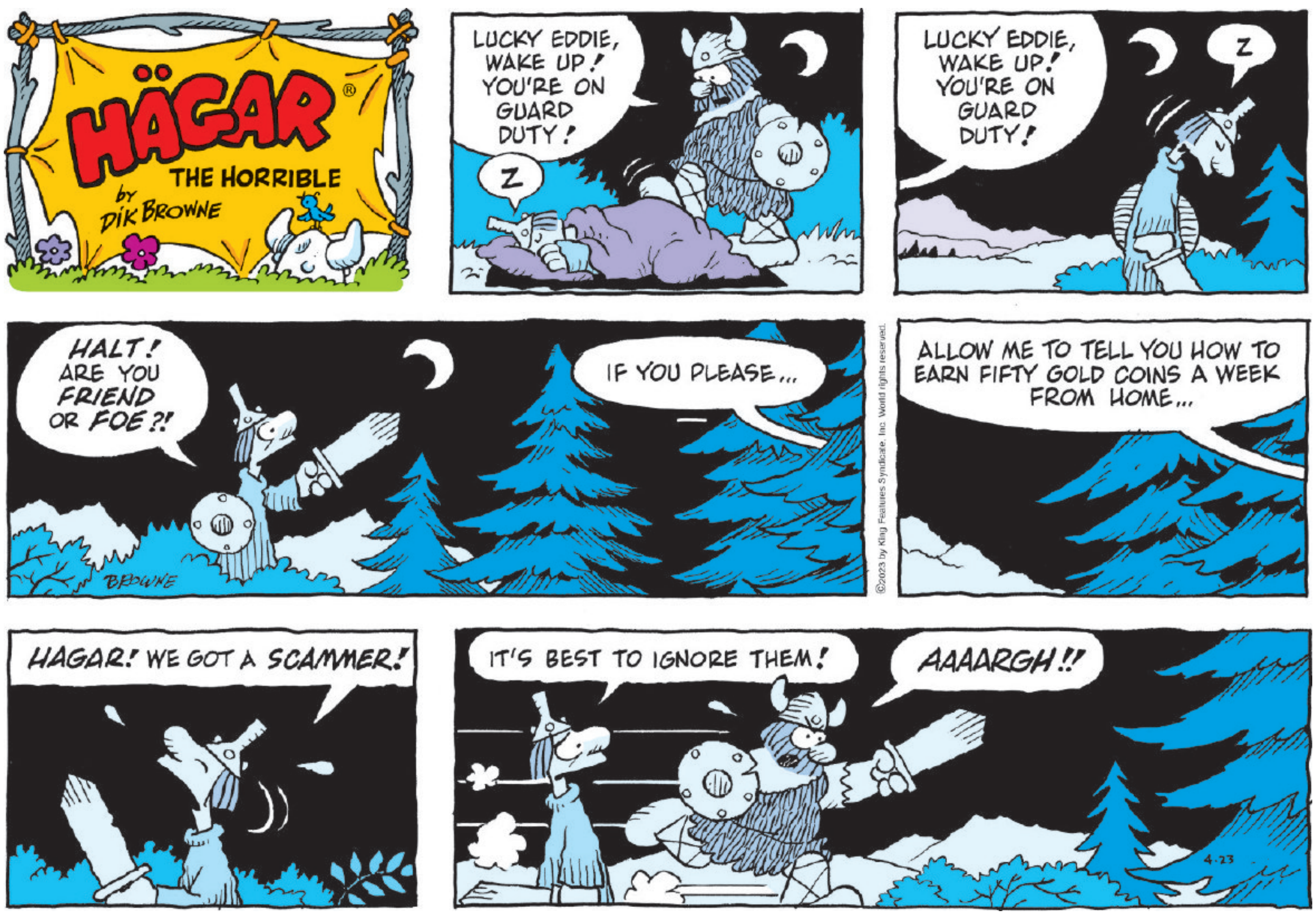
HÄGAR® THE HORRIBLE
by DIK BROWNE
LUCKY EDDIE, WAKE UP! YOU'RE ON GUARD DUTY!
Z
LUCKY EDDIE, WAKE UP! YOU'RE ON GUARD DUTY!
Z
HALT! ARE YOU FRIEND OR FOE?!
IF YOU PLEASE...
BROWNE
ALLOW ME TO TELL YOU HOW TO EARN FIFTY GOLD COINS A WEEK FROM HOME...
HAGAR! WE GOT A SCAMMER!
IT'S BEST TO IGNORE THEM!
AAAARGH!!
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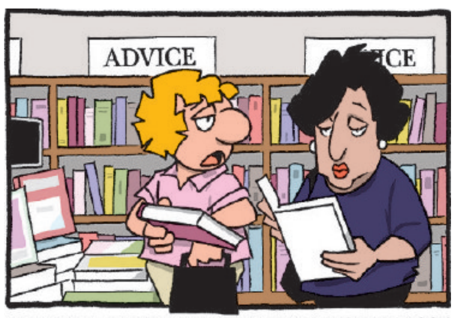
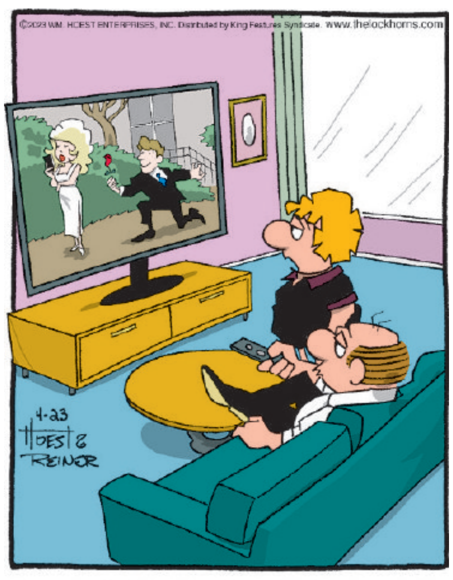
The Lockhorns
By Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"THEY TELL YOU **HOW** TO KEEP YOUR HUSBAND HAPPY, BUT THEY NEVER TELL YOU **WHY**."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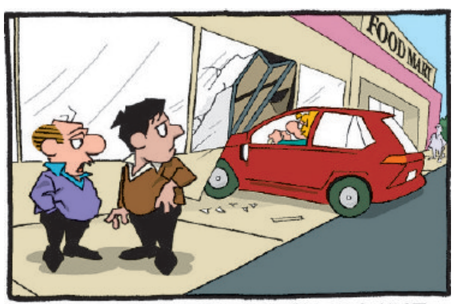
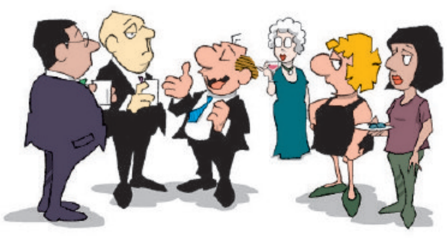
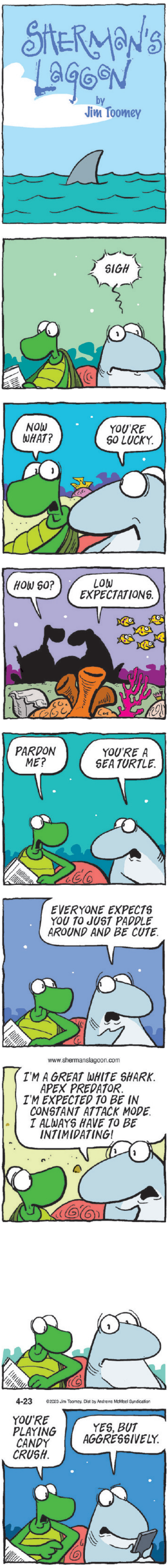
"IF THAT WERE A REAL SMART TV, IT WOULDN'T LET YOU WATCH THIS SHOW."



"WELL, LORETTA DID SAY SHE WAS JUST GOING TO RUN INTO THE STORE."



"LEROY'S A SELF-MADE-UP MAN."


SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by
Jim Toomey
SIGH
NOW WHAT?
YOU'RE SO LUCKY.
HOW SO?
LOW EXPECTATIONS.
PARDON ME?
YOU'RE A SEA TURTLE.
EVERYONE EXPECTS YOU TO JUST PADDLE AROUND AND BE CUTE.
www.shermanslagoon.com
I'M A GREAT WHITE SHARK. APEX PREDATOR. I'M EXPECTED TO BE IN CONSTANT ATTACK MODE. I ALWAYS HAVE TO BE INTIMIDATING!
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YOU'RE PLAYING CANDY CRUSH.
YES, BUT AGGRESSIVELY.

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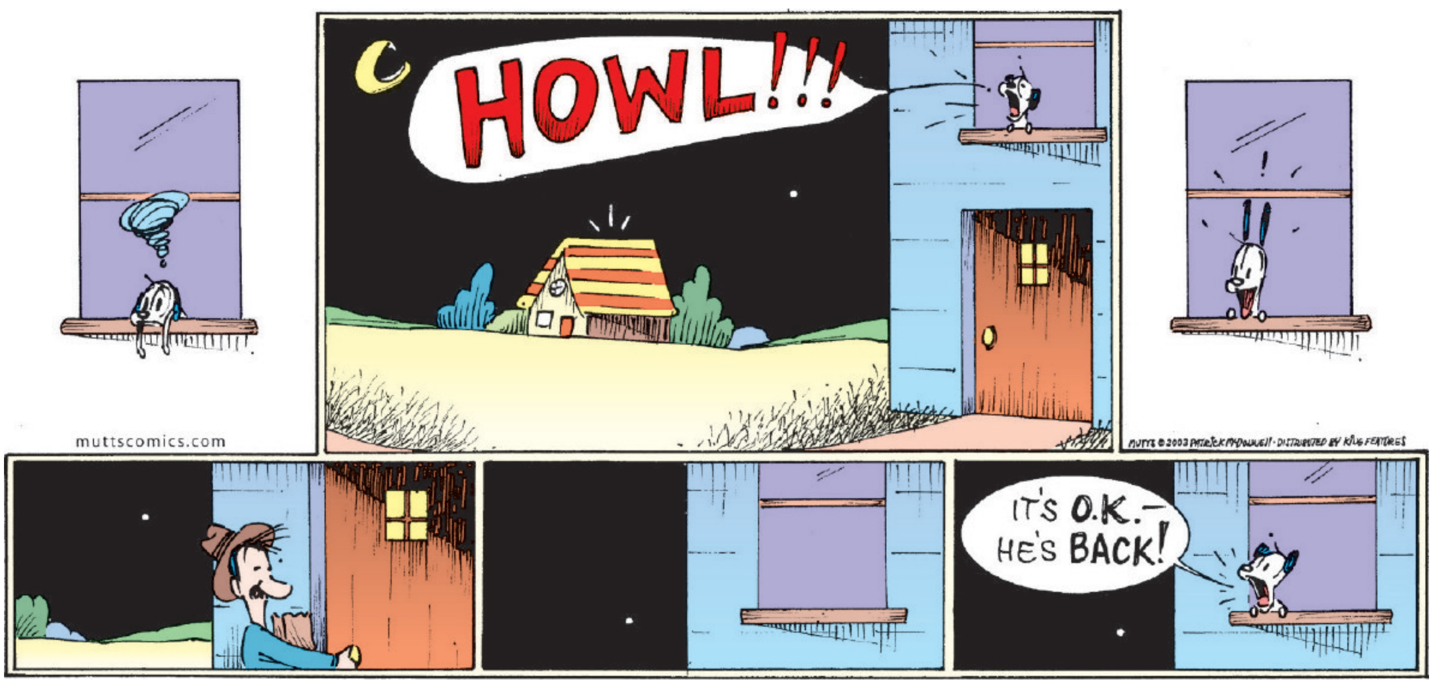
HOWL!!!
muttscomics.com
IT'S O.K.— HE'S BACK!

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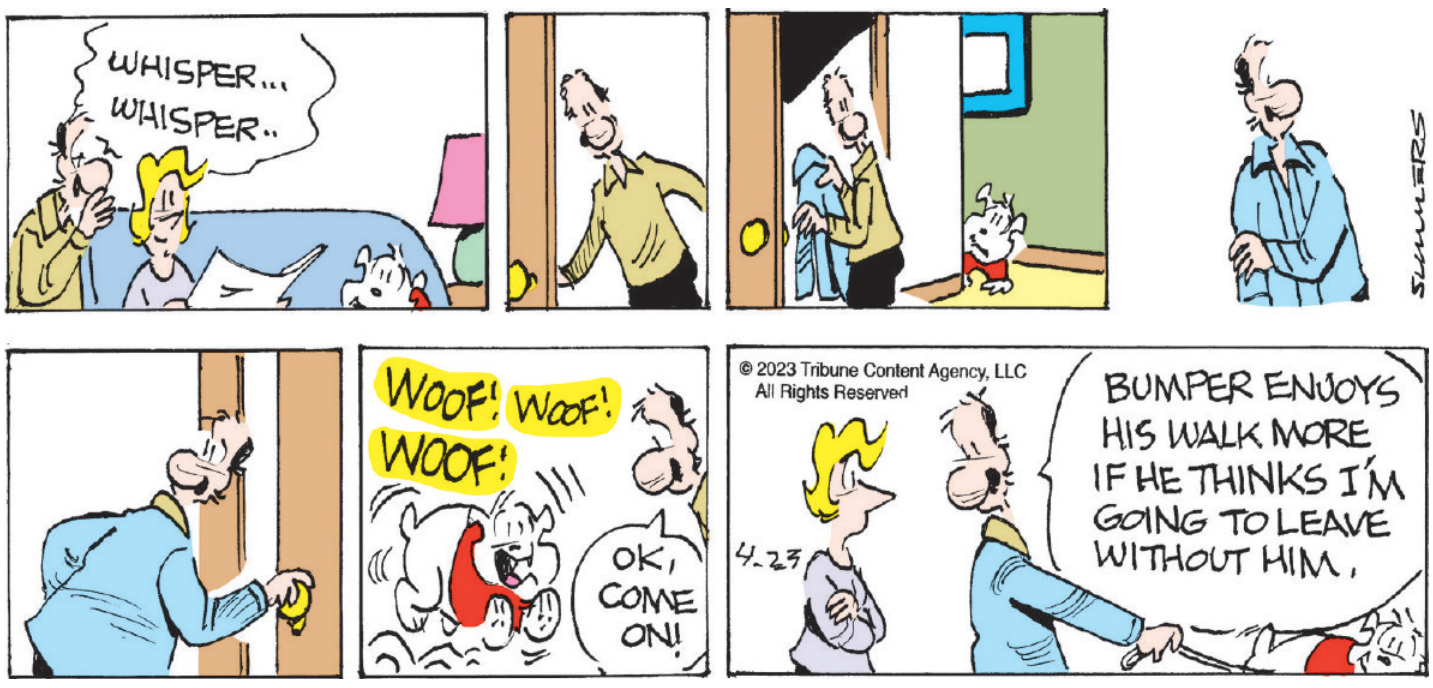
The Middletons By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers


WHISPER... WHISPER..
WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!
OK, COME ON!
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BUMPER ENJOYS HIS WALK MORE IF HE THINKS I'M GOING TO LEAVE WITHOUT HIM.

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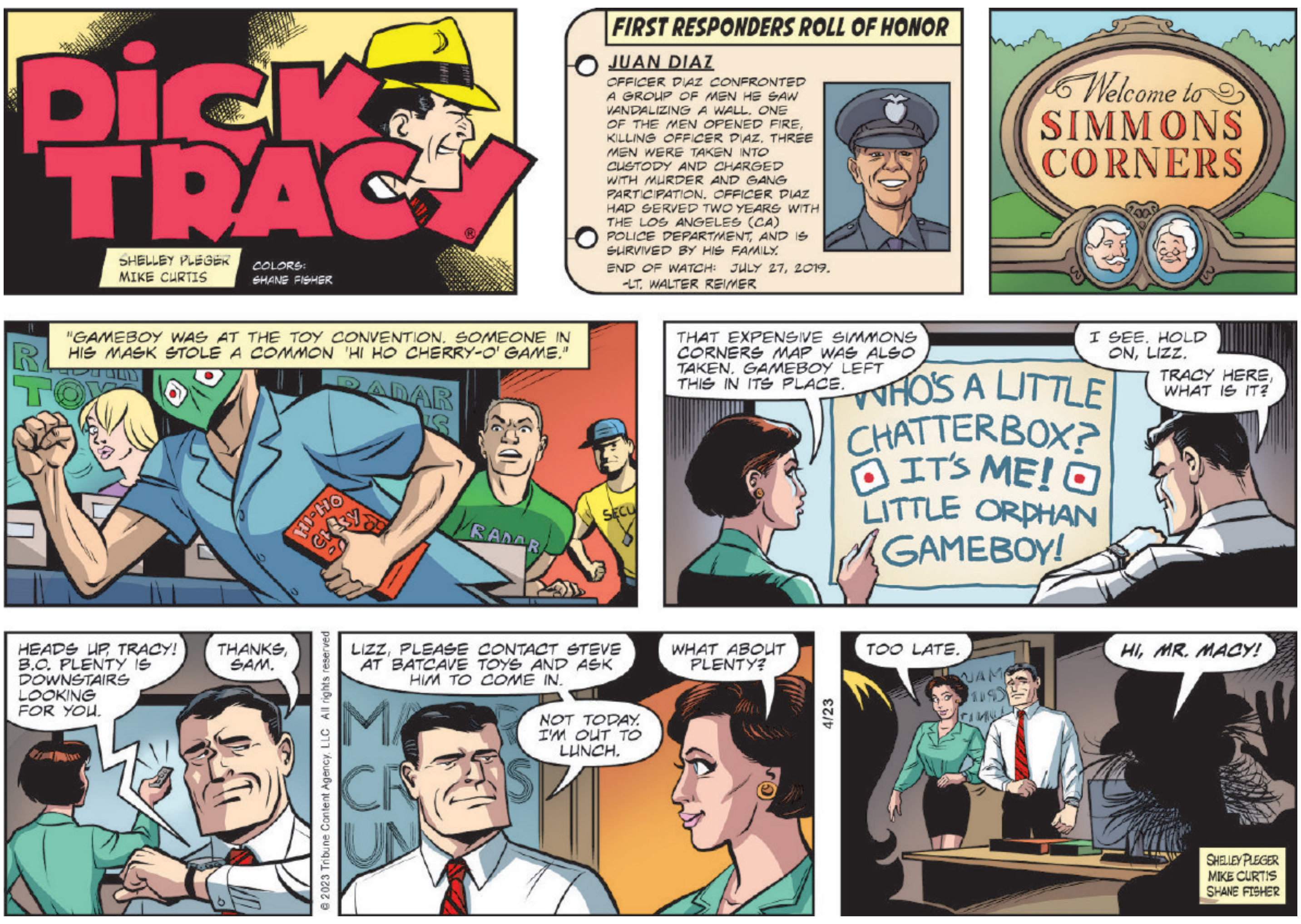
DICK TRACY
SHELLEY PLEGER
MIKE CURTIS
COLORS: SHANE FISHER
FIRST RESPONDERS ROLL OF HONOR
JUAN DIAZ
OFFICER DIAZ CONFRONTED A GROUP OF MEN HE SAW VANDALIZING A WALL. ONE OF THE MEN OPENED FIRE, KILLING OFFICER DIAZ. THREE MEN WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND CHARGED WITH MURDER AND GANG PARTICIPATION. OFFICER DIAZ HAD SERVED TWO YEARS WITH THE LOS ANGELES (CA) POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS FAMILY.
END OF WATCH: JULY 27, 2019.
-LT. WALTER REIMER
Welcome to SIMMONS CORNERS
"GAMEBOY WAS AT THE TOY CONVENTION. SOMEONE IN HIS MASK STOLE A COMMON 'HI HO CHERRY-O' GAME."
RADAR
HI-HO CHERRY-O
THAT EXPENSIVE SIMMONS CORNERS MAP WAS ALSO TAKEN. GAMEBOY LEFT THIS IN ITS PLACE.
WHO'S A LITTLE CHATTERBOX? IT'S ME! LITTLE ORPHAN GAMEBOY!
I SEE. HOLD ON, LIZZ.
TRACY HERE, WHAT IS IT?
HEADS UP, TRACY! B.O. PLENTY IS DOWNSTAIRS LOOKING FOR YOU.
THANKS, SAM.
LIZZ, PLEASE CONTACT STEVE AT BATCAVE TOYS AND ASK HIM TO COME IN.
NOT TODAY. I'M OUT TO LUNCH.
WHAT ABOUT PLENTY?
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TOO LATE.
HI, MR. MACY!
SHELLEY PLEGER
MIKE CURTIS
SHANE FISHER

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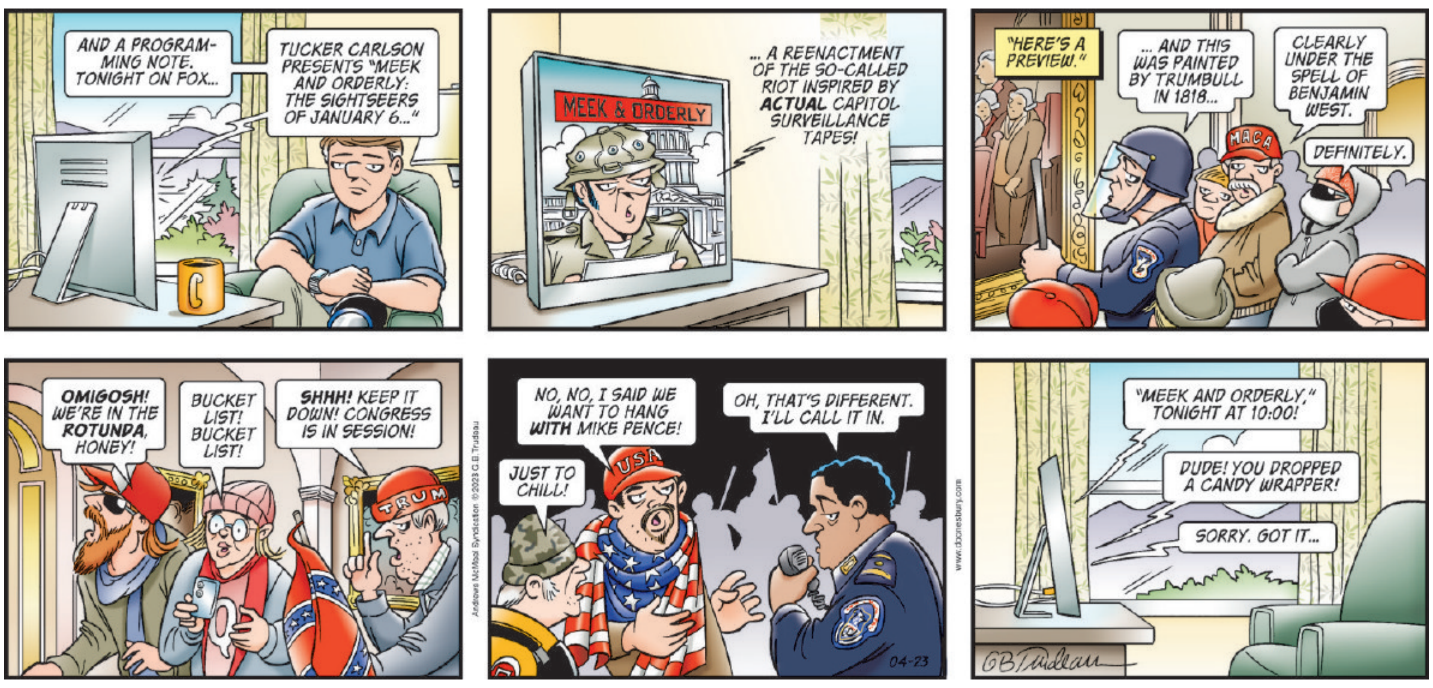
Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau


AND A PROGRAMMING NOTE. TONIGHT ON FOX...
TUCKER CARLSON PRESENTS "MEEK AND ORDERLY: THE SIGHTSEERS OF JANUARY 6..."
MEEK & ORDERLY
... A REENACTMENT OF THE SO-CALLED RIOT INSPIRED BY ACTUAL CAPITOL SURVEILLANCE TAPES!
"HERE'S A PREVIEW."
... AND THIS WAS PAINTED BY TRUMBULL IN 1818...
CLEARLY UNDER THE SPELL OF BENJAMIN WEST.
DEFINITELY.
MAGA
OMIGOSH! WE'RE IN THE ROTUNDA, HONEY!
BUCKET LIST! BUCKET LIST!
SHHH! KEEP IT DOWN! CONGRESS IS IN SESSION!
TRUMP
NO, NO, I SAID WE WANT TO HANG WITH MIKE PENCE!
JUST TO CHILL!
USA
OH, THAT'S DIFFERENT. I'LL CALL IT IN.
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"MEEK AND ORDERLY," TONIGHT AT 10:00!
DUDE! YOU DROPPED A CANDY WRAPPER!
SORRY. GOT IT...
GBTrudeau

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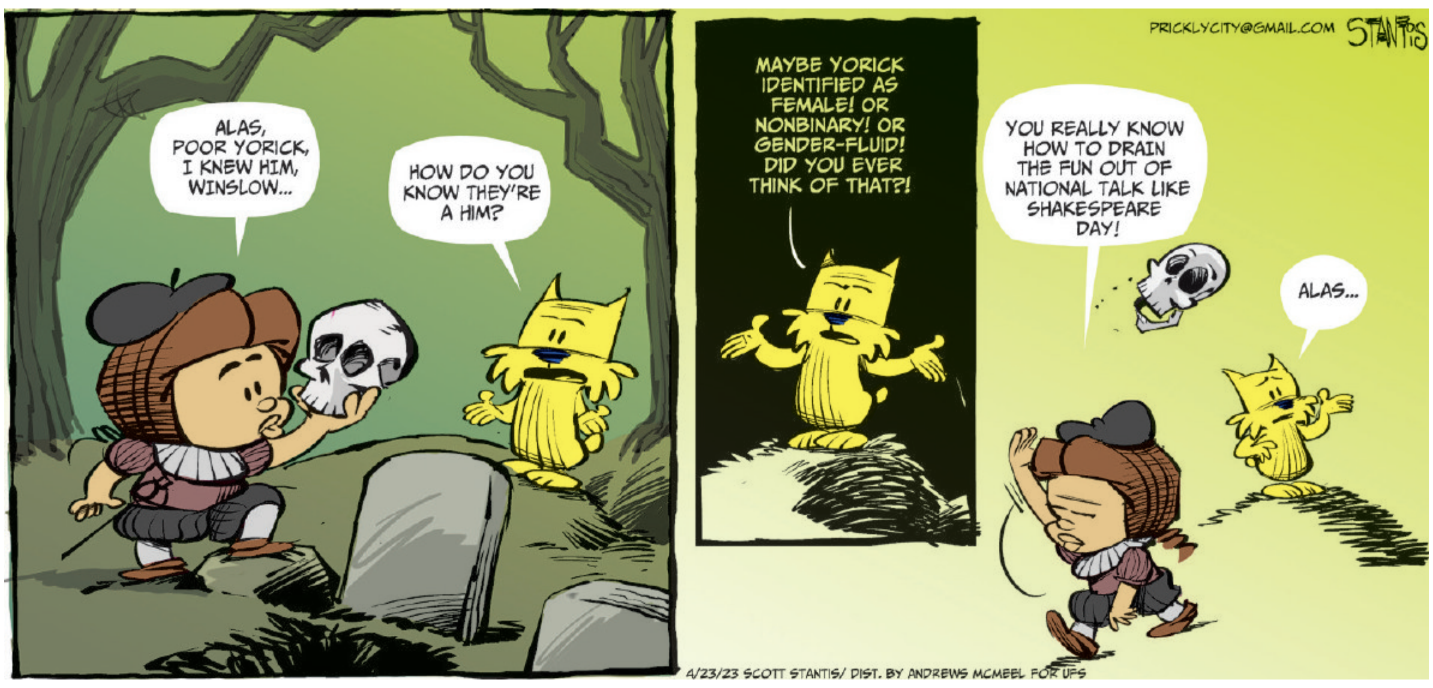
Prickly City By Scott Stantis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STANTIS
ALAS, POOR YORICK, I KNEW HIM, WINSLOW...
HOW DO YOU KNOW THEY'RE A HIM?
MAYBE YORICK IDENTIFIED AS FEMALE! OR NONBINARY! OR GENDER-FLUID! DID YOU EVER THINK OF THAT?!
YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO DRAIN THE FUN OUT OF NATIONAL TALK LIKE SHAKESPEARE DAY!
ALAS...

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Your guide to spring adventures and events in the Chicago area

Party on the Green returns to Village Green Park on Aug. 12 featuring two bands and a movie at dusk sponsored by the Northbrook Park District.

Celebrate summer with Northbrook Park District outdoor events

From parks and pools to concerts and events, Northbrook Park District is offering a summer full of fun.

Northbrook Sports Center pool will open May 27 through Aug. 13 and Meadowhill Aquatic Center is open June 10 through Labor Day. From children's play areas to open swim and from swim lessons to aqua fitness, you are sure to have fun in the pools. New pool events this year include monthly DJ on Deck and Chalk the Deck events while annual favorites like the Northbrook Cardboard Regatta and National Night Out return as well.

The 2023 season of Tuesdays in the Park concerts includes seven evenings of music at Village Green Park located at Shermer and Meadow in downtown Northbrook. Each concert begins with a children's entertainer at 6:30 p.m., followed by the headlining band at 7:15 p.m.

June 20: Miss Jamie's Farm & The Wayouts

June 27: Todd Downing & Industrial Drive

July 11: Istvan and His Imaginary Band & Mr. Myers

July 18: Rick Kelley & The Flat Cats

July 25: Ben Tatar and The Tots & Wild Daisy

August 1: Nanny Nikki & Howard and the White Boys

August 8: Northbrook Theatre & The Beatelles

Party on the Green returns to Village Green Park on Aug. 12 featuring two bands and a movie at dusk while the new Grapes on the Green event for ages 21 and up is scheduled for June 17.

Athletic events include the second annual Cup in Hand Kickball Tournament for adults along with the popular Kids Duathlon, free Kids Fishing Derby, and a trip to see the Cubs play at Wrigley Field.

For more information and to register for events, visit nbparks.org or call 847-291-2993.

Spring into FUN!

As another dreary winter comes to a close, it's time to consider FUN! things to do this spring.

Though it is a little early for swimming enthusiasts to take the plunge outdoors since beach season doesn't start until Memorial Day weekend, those looking for outdoor adventures have many options available to them.

The Chicagoland area has a plethora of events and activities to help you, family and friends find something of interest. The FUN! Spring Guide is here to help you get acclimated to some of the many adventures that await you in Chicagoland.

Here is a sampling of upcoming events in April, May and the beginning of June in Chicagoland. Check the event websites for times, pricing and up-to-date information.

Now through April 30

"Indecent"

Wirtz Center for the Performing Arts Josephine Louis Theater, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston
wirtz.northwestern.edu

INDECENT
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"Indecent," a deeply moving play with music, inspired by the true events surrounding the controversial 1923 Broadway debut of Sholem Asch's "God of Vengeance" — a play seen by some as a seminal work of Jewish culture and by others as an act of traitorous libel. Created by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paula Vogel, "Indecent" charts the history of an incendiary drama and the path of the artists who risked their careers and lives to perform it. For performance times and ticket pricing, visit the website.

Now through May 17

Richardson Farm Tulip Festival

909 English Prairie Road, Spring Grove
richardsonadventurefarm.com/tulipfestival

Richardson
Farm

Experience over 500 acres and 300,000 bulbs in 30 different varieties at this year's event. Admission includes entrance to the flower field, access to the picnic area and live music on weekends. Flowers, food items and memorabilia are available for an additional fee. Mother Nature will determine the bloom time. Check the website for updates, pricing and hours of operation.

Now through May 28

"School of Rock"

Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora
paramountaurora.com

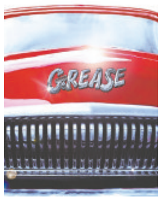
SCHOOL OF ROCK

Nominated for four Tony Awards, including Best Musical, "The School of Rock" is based on the hit movie starring Jack Black and features music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. It is a rousing, feel good and inspirational story of kids at a prestigious prep school. Visit the website for performance schedule and ticket prices.

Now through June 4

"Grease"

Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
drurylanetheatre.com



Meet Rydell High's senior class of 1959, the hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum-snapping "Pink Ladies." Relive those "Summer Nights" with Danny and Sandy as they rediscover their summer fling romance in this popular musical. Visit the website for showtimes and ticket prices.

Now through June 4

"Damn Yankees"

Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire
marriotttheatre.com

This Broadway mega-hit and winner of seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical, tells the story of a middle-aged man who sells his soul to the devil to become a baseball player to help his beloved Washington Senators beat the New York Yankees. Visit website for show times and ticket prices.

Now Jan. 31, 2030

Sails Unfurled: The Dawn of the U.S. Navy, 1775-1865

National Museum of the American Sailor, 2531 Sheridan Road, Building 42, Great Lakes
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday
nmasf.org

Explore the U.S. Navy's earliest days and discover how enlisted sailors used hard work, teamwork, and innovation to establish the foundation of today's Navy. The exhibit showcases the life and work of enlisted sailors from the American Revolution through the American Civil War. Admission is free.

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Non-brunch ideas to help celebrate Mom

Mother's Day, May 14, is a special day to spend time with your mom.

Brunch is a popular Mother's Day tradition with many families but there are plenty of other things to do after or if you forgo the big meal. And remember, Mother's Day can be celebrated any day of the year.

Here is a sampling of things to do with your Mom in the Chicagoland area other than brunch.

May 13

Mother's Day Tea Party

Chicago Public Library Edgebrook Branch, 5331 W. Devon Ave., Chicago
chipublib.bibliocommons.com

Enjoy a Mother's Day story time and tea party for ages 3 and up from 10 to 11 a.m. Participants will also make their mom a card. Registration is required by 10 p.m. May 12. Event is free.

Mother & Daughter Afternoon Tea

Drury Lane, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
lucillerestaurant.com/special-events-spring/

Mothers and daughters can enjoy an afternoon high tea at 1 p.m. with baked scones, tea sandwiches, desserts and an assortment of teas, unlimited champagne and entertainment from a harpist. Reservations required. Cost is $55, free for ages 3 and under.

Mom & Me Golf

Tinley Junction Mini Golf and Batting Cages, 16801 S. 80th Ave., Tinley Park
Tinleyparkdistrict.org

Celebrate Mother's Day with free golf for mom with a paid round of golf.

May 14

Mother's Day: Let's Brunch Class

Taste Buds Kitchen Bannockburn
2521 Waukegan Road, Bannockburn
tastebudskitchen.com

Celebrate mom and everyone's favorite part of the week with a sweet and savory homemade brunch with this cooking class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu poached eggs Florentine, cheddar cheese biscuits, sweet and spicy bacon, French toast sticks and Mimosas (bring your own bubbly, orange juice will be provided). This is an adult cooking class. Reservations required. Visit website for pricing and more information.

Mother's Day Concert

Lilacia Park, 250 S. Park Ave., Lombard
lombardlilactime.com

Lilac Time
May 6-21 | Lombard, IL

The Four C Notes recreate the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, who's rags to riches story was the basis of the smash hit "Jersey Boys." The free concert is from 2 to 3:30 p.m. during the Lilac Time festival sponsored by the Lombard Park District.

Ongoing events

Bees and Knees

Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave., Chicago
garfieldparkconservatory.org

BEE'S KNEES
Garfield Park Conservatory
Spring Flower Show
Feb 15th-May 14th 2023

The annual spring flower show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. is a peek into the wondrous relationship between bees and blooms. Beautiful spring blooms, such as tulips, daffodils and hyacinth will be featured along with hydrangeas, delphiniums, azaleas and more. Exhibit ends May 14. Advanced reservations are recommended.

Cooler by the Lake Spring Flower Show

Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2430 N. Cannon Drive, Chicago
lincolnparkconservancy.org

COOLER BY THE LAKE
SPRING FLOWER SHOW

Set sail to the annual spring flower show that includes features familiar to Chicago's lakefront, the iconic Chicago Harbor Lighthouse and boats that have sailed into the Conservatory. Open Mother's Day 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event ends May 14. The event is free, but reservations are required.

Inspiration Fabergé – Gemstone Carving Exhibit

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 1220 Kensington Road, Oak Brook
lizzadromuseum.org

The exhibition features carvings of animals, figures and flowers carved in Germany and Russia. The exhibit reflects the style of Fabergé design that goes back to the late 19th century and gem cutting traditions that continue today. Exhibit ends June 18. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. For ticket pricing, visit the website.

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Look no further than Whiskey Acres to begin your bourbon trail adventure

About an hour away from Chicago sits Whiskey Acres, an estate distillery built and operated by 5th generation farmers in DeKalb.

Plan a weekend visit where you will enjoy live music and food trucks (whiskeyacres.com/foodtrucks), sip a cocktail and soak in the countryside at their beautiful Visitors Center and Whiskey Garden. Their highly rated 60-minute tour includes a look into their Seed to Spirit process, a tasting of three whiskeys and a souvenir shot glass.

Throughout the tour you'll experience their motto: "Great Whiskey Isn't Made — It's Grown." They control every step of the process from the seed they put into the ground to the spirit they put into the bottle. Sustainability is evident at every turn, starting with the solar array that powers the entire operation. You'll learn about how they recycle all their byproducts and how their water conservation program has reduced consumption by 90%.

Master Distiller Rob Wallace ensures that only the best makes it into the bottle, and the awards continue to pile up: gold, platinum and double platinum at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition and the American Spirits Council of Tasters awards. Binny's described them as "Setting a new standard in craft bourbon." The Chicago Tribune even named their Bourbon Slush as the "No. 1 Bucket List drink to try in Illinois."

Tour/tasting times can be found at whiskeyacres.com/visit. No reservations are required, but email info@whiskeyacres.com if you're bringing a group of eight or more. Whiskey Acres is located at 11504 Keslinger Road in DeKalb.

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Discover picturesque Woodstock and all it has to offer

Woodstock is a growing, vibrant, and diverse community with strong historic, cultural, educational, entrepreneurial, health conscious, and environmentally friendly values.

First established in 1844, it was named Centerville, with reference to its central location in McHenry County and recognition as the county seat. In 1845, Centerville was renamed Woodstock and has celebrated significant recognition over the years.

The picturesque Woodstock Square is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and rests in the center of the City's Historic District. Iconic buildings include the Woodstock Opera House, theatrical home of renowned performers Orson Welles, Paul Newman and Betsy Palmer, and the recently renovated Old Courthouse Center reopening in summer 2023.

Woodstock's independent streak brims with creativity and entrepreneurism attracting a strong artist, small business, and manufacturing community.

With warmer weather, plan to enjoy the award-winning producers-only Woodstock Farmers Market held each Saturday and Tuesday, and nearly 550 acres of parks and outdoor recreation areas. Meanwhile downtown, open-air concerts and outdoor dining spill over from the Historic Square, creating a delightful community experience. Events like City Band Concerts and Folk Festival, held in the heart of the city, are a timeless reminder of the traditions Woodstock holds dear.

As the city motto states, Woodstock is "True to its past and confident of its future." Residents are proud to call Woodstock home and are happy to welcome you.

Easily accessible from Chicago and Milwaukee, make Woodstock your next stop because Woodstock has it all.

"Real community. Real tradition. Real Woodstock."

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April 28 through May 7

The Waa-Mu Show

Wirtz Center for Performing Arts Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston
waamushow.com

92ND ANNUAL
The Waa-Mu Show

Northwestern's oldest theatrical tradition, The Waa-Mu Show, provides undergraduates with an unparalleled education in new musical theater development. More than 100 students participate every year as producers, writers, and performers in creating an original musical that inspires audiences, challenges the artists involved, and engages the surrounding communities. Now in its 92nd year. Tickets range from $10 to $30. For performance schedule and ticket information, visit the website.

April 29

Let's Play! At the Farm

Historic Wagner Farm
1510 Wagner Road, Glenview
10 a.m.

Join The Alliance for Early Childhood in partnership with Historic Wagner Farm for a morning of exploration at the farm in spring. Families can explore the 1920s historic Wagner farmhouse, barter in the Farm Stand, enjoy the Farm Adventure Area playground, and visit the Heritage Center, which includes a 1930s recreated grocery store. All ages welcome.

April 30

Waukegan Symphony Orchestra Presents: Young People's Family Concert

Orlin Trapp Auditorium, 2325 Brookside Ave., Waukegan; 4-6 p.m.
waukeganparks.org

The Waukegan Concert Chorus is a community based chorus that has been a part of Waukegan culture since 1976. The Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1974. Check the website for ticket information.

May 5

America Sings

Fox Pointe Amphitheater, 18138 Henry St., Lansing
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Chorale finale from 5 to 6 p.m.
americansings.org

American Signs! Inc. was founded in 1988 by John Jacobson and a group of his friends who supported John's dream of hosting a noncompetitive, outdoor choral festival. Hope is the song America Sings! shares when the best rhythmic choirs come to Lansing's new outdoor concert venue, Fox Pointe. Over 20 choirs will perform with the grand finale erupting with a collective performance by the entire group. For more information, visit the website.

May 5

Cinco de Mayo celebration

Senior Center, 3323 Walters Ave., Northbrook
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
nbparks.org

The Cinco de Mayo celebration is open to those 55 and older. Cost is $15 per person.

May 5

Good Neighbor Day Parade

Downtown Lansing
2 p.m.

The Lansing Area Chamber of Commerce presents its 55th annual Good Neighbor Day Parade. The parade begins on Wentworth Avenue and travels west on Ridge Road to Burnham Avenue (south) and ends at 186th Street and Burnham. This year's theme is America Sings.

May 5-7, May 12-14

"Women in Jeopardy!"

Towle Theater, 5205 Hohman Ave., Hammond, IN
towletheater.org

WOMEN IN JEOPARDY!

"Thelma and Louise" meets "The First Wives Club" in this fun and flirtatious comedy. Divorcées Mary and Jo are suspicious of their friend Liz's new dentist boyfriend. He's not just a weirdo; he may be a serial killer! After all, his hygienist just disappeared. Trading their wine glasses for spy glasses, imaginations run wild as the ladies try to discover the truth and save their friend in a hilarious off-road adventure. For performance times and ticket prices, visit the website.

May 6-7

Art in Wilder Park

Wilder Park, 175 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
elmhurstmuseum.org

The 26th annual two-day outdoor show features more than 100 artists from the Midwest as well as a food vendor court, live music and entertainment. Presented by RGL Marketing for the Arts, Inc. and the Elmhurst Museum. Wilder Museum will be open selling coffee and treats. Visit the website for more information.

May 6-23

Lilac Time in Lombard

Lilacia Park, 150 S. Park Ave., Lombard
Daily from dawn to dusk
lombardlilactime.com

The Lombard Park District's Lilacia Park is an 8.5-acre horticultural showcase featuring 700 lilacs and 25,000 tulips. In 2019 with the hard work of the Lombard Historic Preservation Commission, Lilacia Park was recognized and placed on the official list of National Register of Historic Places. All ages will enjoy a stroll through the park or one of the many special events. Check the website for details and blooming information.

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To learn more about all of our summer offerings, visit nbparks.org

FREE KIDS' FISHING DERBY
Saturday, May 20 • 10am–Noon
Wood Oaks Green Park

PARTY ON THE GREEN
MUSIC MOVIE & GAMES
Saturday, August 12 • 4pm • Village Green Park

Tuesdays in the Park
Northbrook Park District Summer Concert Series
Free Live Music on Tuesday evenings starting June 20 at Village Green Park

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May 7
Chicago Kids and Kites Festival
Cricket Hill at Montrose Harbor, Lake Shore Drive and Montrose Avenue, Chicago
chicagokite.com

CHICAGOKITE

This annual tradition returns with all things kite related. Children will receive kite kits to build, decorate and fly (while supplies last). There will also be a Big Kite Candy Drop with a pinata-style kite dropping sweets from the sky. Kite flying demos, face painting and more. Event is free.

May 7
Fox River Trolley Museum
365 S. La Fox St., South Elgin
Open Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 7 through Oct. 29; Saturdays July 1 through Sept. 2; and on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day.
foxtrolley.org
Special Mother's Day trolley ride May 24

The museum celebrates Mother's Day with a special trolley ride for moms and families in the antique trolleys along the beautiful Fox River and through the Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve. Mothers and grandmothers ride free with a paid child's fare and receive a free carnation. Visit the website for more information and ticket prices.

May 7
Music of the Baroque: Circles of Friends
North Shore Center for Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie
7:30 p.m.
baroque.org
Dame Jane Glover takes the podium for a joyful evening of music written centuries ago by four friends in Vienna — and performed today by good friends in Chicago. Music of the Baroque's principle players become the soloists in two intimate sinfonie concertanti by Haydn and Dittersdorf. A symphony by Vanhal and Mozart's Symphony No. 34 in C Major complete the circles. Tickets range from $35 to $100.

May 7
Spring Birding Experience
Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn about spring birding with hands-on fun and education for all ages sponsored by the Darien Garden Club and the DuPage Birding Club. Learn how to spy local birds in nature with hands-on fun using binoculars to spot birds in the library's garden. There will be kid-friendly activities and more birding information for all. Meet outdoors in Keshav's Garden at the library. In the event of inclement weather, this program will be located in Meeting Room 2. Registration is not required.

May 7
Touch-a-Truck
Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy, 2300 Patriot Blvd., Glenview
kohlchildrenmuseum.org
A fundraiser for Kohl Children's Museum, this event features more than 30 fire trucks, tractors, dump trucks and more that children can climb on from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is $25 for members and $35 for non-members. Tickets are required for all attendees 1 and older. All proceeds help to support the museum.

May 11
Kane County Cougars Home Opener
Northwestern Medicine Field, 34w002 Cherry Lane, Geneva
6:30 p.m.
kccougars.com
The Kane County Cougars 2023 baseball season opening night against the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks. The Cougars will play 50 home games at Northwestern Medicine Field in 2023 and return 25 spectacular firework shows as well as weekly specials such as Thirsty Thursday with $2 beers, hot dogs and sodas. New promotions and theme nights will be announced throughout the season. Visit the website for schedule and ticket information.

May 11
Windy City ThunderBolts Home Opener
Ozinga Field, 14011 S. Kenton Ave., Crestwood
wcthunderbolts.com
6:35 p.m.
The Windy City ThunderBolts host Frontier League rival Schaumburg Boomers in the home opener for the 2023 baseball season. The Windy City ThunderBolts will play 50 home games throughout the summer at Ozinga Field in 2023. For upcoming promotions, schedule and ticket prices, visit the website.

May 11
Gary SouthShore RailCats Home Opener
Steel Yard, One Stadium Plaza, Gary, IN
railcatsbaseball.com
A day at the Steel Yard is non-stop fun at the ballpark. The RailCats, a team in the American Association, promises a wide array of laugh-out-loud between inning entertainment, giveaways, fireworks and a family-first, kid-friendly atmosphere. The RailCats host the Winnipeg Goldeyes at 6:45 p.m. For schedule, ticket pricing and more information, visit the website.

May 12
Joliet Slammers Home Opener
DuPage Medical Group Field, 1 Mayor Art Schultz Drive, Joliet
jolietslammers.com
The Joliet Slammers hosts its opening night for the Frontier League baseball season against the Sussex County Miners. The Slammers will play 50 home games at DuPage Medical Group Field throughout the summer in 2023. Visit the website for upcoming promotions, game times, parking information and ticket prices.

May 12
Ruben Studdard & Clay Aiken — Twenty: The Tour
The Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan
8 p.m.
geneseetheatre.com

Twenty years ago, Clay Aiken and Ruben Studdard competed in season two of "American Idol." Studdard edged out Aiken by just 134,000 votes to win. Now, they are back performing on the same stage. The two powerhouse voices come together for one special night. Tickets range from $35 to $70.

May 13
The Spring Sip
Downtown McHenry
1 p.m.
mchenrychamber.org
The McHenry Chamber of Commerce presents the annual The Spring Sip. Participants will enjoy high quality wine and delicious appetizers and sweets while shopping the unique downtown McHenry businesses. Four hundred tickets will be sold. Tickets are on sale now. Visit the website for pricing and more information

May 13-14
Spring Lincoln Roscoe Art and Craft Fair
Lincoln Avenue between Roscoe and School streets, Chicago
10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday
amdurproductions.com
This event features art for the home, paintings, sculptures, décor, jewelry and much more, all handmade. Live music, food and activities for kids. Event is hosted by SSA 27 and the Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce. Admission is free. For more information, visit the website.

LINCOLN ROSCOE SPRING ART + CRAFT FAIR

May 19
Schaumburg Boomers Home Opener
Wintrust Field, 1999 S. Springfield Road, Schaumburg
6:30 p.m.
boomersbaseball.com
The 2022 Frontier League West Division Champion Schaumburg Boomers will hold its Home Opener against rival Windy City ThunderBolts at Wintrust Field. For more information about promotions, schedule and ticket prices, visit the website.

May 19
That Arena Rock Show
The Art Theater, 230 Main St., Hobart, IN
Doors open at 7 p.m.; show at 8:30 p.m.
brickartlive.com

THAT ARENA ROCK SHOW

The Hobart Art Theater and NTL Productions present this high energy theatrical tribute to "classic" rock 'n' roll featuring music of artists like Led Zeppelin, Aerosmith, AC/DC, Bon Jovi, Guns N Roses and more. All ages. For ticket information, visit the website. Tickets are $5 more the day of the show.

May 19-28
"Everybody"
Northwestern Wirtz Center, Ethel M. Barber Theater, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston
wirtz.northwestern.edu
This modern riff on the fifteenth-century morality play "Everyman" follows Everybody (who is chosen from amongst the cast by lottery at each performance) as they journey through life's greatest mystery — the meaning of what it is to be alive — and why it must come to an end. Huffington Post called the play "unusual, unconventional and eye-opening." For performance schedule and ticket prices, visit the website.

May 20-21
Northbrook Art in the Park
Village Green, Walters Ave., Northbrook
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
amdurproductions.com
More than 80 juried artists will be featured in the park along with live music in the gazebo, festival food and youth art activities. Admission is free. Attendees are invited to bring their gently used wall art to the festival where it will be donated to the Chicago Furniture Bank, a nonprofit that distributes furnishings and art to those leaving shelters and moving into permanent housing. For more information, visit the website.

May 27-28
Barrington Art Festival
Downtown Barrington, Cook and Station streets, Barrington
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
amdurproductions.com
The 14th annual festival features 120 artisans selling art in all media. Live music and youth art activities are also planned. Admission is free. For more information, visit the web site.

May 27-28
Sueños Musical Festival
Grant Park, 331 E. Randolph St., Chicago
suenosmusicfestival.com
The annual festival celebrates Reggaeton and Latin talent, music and culture featuring more than 20 Reggaeton and Latin musical acts. Passes are required for the event. For more information, visit the website.

SUEÑOS

June 2-25
"West Side Story"
Lyric Opera of Chicago
20 N. Upper Wacker Drive, Chicago
312-827-5600
lyricopera.org
"West Side Story," the timeless Broadway musical returns to the Lyric Opera House featuring the music of Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. For performance times and tickets, visit the website.

Tea time

Afternoon tea not just for Brits in Chicagoland

Afternoon tea is a quintessential British tradition.

Watch any British television program or movie and the characters are seen having a spot of tea in the afternoon.

When tea in the afternoon was first introduced in England in the 19th century, the practice of sitting down in the afternoon for tea wasn't seen as a treat. It was viewed as a practical purpose — to fill the gap between lunch and dinner which was usually served at 8 p.m., according to afternoontea.com.

Today Brits still make time to sit and enjoy the civility of this dining custom. Tea drinking customs can be also found around the world.

High tea vs. afternoon tea

High tea is typically a more wholesome meal of meat, potatoes and vegetables served after a long hard day of work.

Afternoon tea usually includes delicate pastries, little sandwiches, scones and cake. Though most Americans refer to afternoon tea as high tea because it sounds regal and lofty.

Enjoy afternoon tea in Chicagoland

Chicagoland is becoming a popular spot for afternoon tea. Here is just a sampling of places where you can enjoy a leisurely afternoon sipping tea and eating mini sandwiches and pastries. Tea service varies from British style, to Russian, Japanese, Indian or Chinese.

Check websites for pricing, menu options and reservation requirements.

The Drake Hotel – Palm Court
140 E. Walton Place, Chicago
thedrakehotel.com
For those who love their afternoon teas fresh and steeped in history, Palm Court at The Drake Hotel serving tea for nearly a century is the quintessential Magnificent Mile afternoon tea experience. The Prince & Princess Afternoon tea service is suitable for children between 4 and 12 years of age. Reservations are encouraged.

Pavilion
The Langham Hotel, 330 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago
langhamhotels.com
The Pavilion is an elegant space to indulge and unwind in with its soaring high ceilings and marvelous views of the city. Pavilion is home to The Langham Afternoon Tea, the signature afternoon tea that first debuted at The Langham, London in 1865. Hours are 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Reservations suggested.

Palmer House
17 E. Monroe St., Chicago
Palmerhousehiltonhotel.com
The historic Chicago hotel will make you feel like royalty during afternoon tea service in the opulent lobby served with your choice of tea, scones, sandwiches and sweets. Don't forget to order a Palmer House Brownie which was invented in the hotel's pastry kitchen.

The Peninsula Chicago
108 E. Superior St, Chicago
peninsula.com
Served in the heart of the hotel, The Lobby, the signature afternoon tea menu changes seasonally giving guests a delightful selection of scones, tea sandwiches and desserts. Afternoon tea for children is also available. Afternoon tea is offered from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Prepaid reservations are required.

Peter Rabbit™ Afternoon Tea
The Peninsula Chicago, 108 E. Superior St, Chicago
peninsula.com
Through July 2, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., The Peninsula Chicago will be offering a special edition of its afternoon tea inspired by Beatrix Potter's "Peter Rabbit." The Peninsula's partnership with The World of Peter Rabbit™ brings the two brands together in celebration of springtime and family. Served on Fridays through Sundays with two seatings per day. The menu draws inspiration from Peter Rabbit's adventures in the Lake District, United Kingdom, including his mischief in Mr. McGregor's garden. A special afternoon tea for children is also available, which comes with a plush Peter Rabbit toy. Prepaid reservations are required.

Vanille Patisserie
2108 N. Clark St., Chicago
vanillepatisserie.com
Vanille offers a French inspired tea experience. The Spring Tea features signature pastries, scones and finger sandwiches while sipping Benjamin's Tea. Spring Tea is offered Tuesday through Sunday at 11:30 a.m., 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. Reservations are required.

Russian Tea Time
77 E. Adams St., Chicago
russianteatime.com
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HAPPY 90th CAROL!

From top: *The Carol Burnett Show*, *Better Call Saul*, *Omnibus*.

CARIL BURNETT: 90 YEARS OF LAUGHTER + LOVE

(APRIL 26 ON NBC)

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Comedy icon Carol Burnett celebrates her 90th birthday with a two-hour special featuring an A-list of musical performances—Bernadette Peters, Kristin Chenoweth, Billy Porter, Jane Lynch, Katy Perry, Darren Criss, Sutton Foster—and special guests who will pay tribute to the six-time Emmy winner.

This once-in-a-lifetime party for the cherished comedienne has a guest list that includes Allison Janney, Aileen Quinn, Amy Poehler, Bob Mackie, Bob Odenkirk, Charlize Theron, Cher, Ellen DeGeneres, Julie Andrews, Kristen Wiig, Laura Dern, Lily Tomlin, Lisa Kudrow, Marisa Tomei, Maya Rudolph, Sheryl Lee Ralph, Sofia Vergara, Steve Carell, Susan Lucci and Vicki Lawrence.

"There were no balloons, cakes, confetti or any of that. I didn't want it," Burnett says. "It was a variety show with live entertainment." The special will share some of the funniest and most memorable moments of Burnett's legendary career, from her Broadway debut in *Once Upon a Mattress* to highlights from her acclaimed, long-running sketch comedy series.

"It was a retrospective of stuff that I'd done all these years, starting back when I was on *Omnibus* with Leonard Bernstein," Burnett adds. "And then to do the movies that I did, the television specials, the musical specials, and of course *The Carol Burnett Show*, and clips from *Better Call Saul* and *Palm Royale*." On looking back now that she's reached the milestone birthday, Burnett says she hopes that her legacy is: "I made people laugh, made them feel good when they might have been down."

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WALTER SCOTT ASKS... HANNAH WADDINGHAM

The *Ted Lasso* and *Game of Thrones* star, 48, takes on a classic when she steps into the role of the iconic temptress Lady Bellaston in *Masterpiece*'s four-part adaptation of Henry Fielding's **_Tom Jones_ (April 30 on PBS)**. The romantic comedy gets a more modern take in this adaptation of life in mid-18th-century England with all its passion and prejudice, luxury and loose morals.

What does Lady Bellaston want with Tom in the first place? At first, it's her age-old predatory nature. She was married to a very old man, Lord Bellaston, previously, because you were meant to marry into wealth. But she likes playthings. I think she intends to have Tom as a plaything, but then, unfortunately, falls for him properly.

It did seem as if the relationship changed, as if he actually did hurt her. That was surprising. That is what I was interested in playing. She is surprised. He's the first-ever person who's derailed her and then rejected her, which is a horrific, potent combination.

But does she really learn anything in the end? She's learned to keep it a bit frivolous and lighthearted and not let her heart be broken again. [Not to] let someone in too much.

You always look smashing on the red carpet, so is the wardrobe part of the appeal of making a period piece? I had never done a period piece. I've worn things like that on stage, but I felt like I was melding together my two worlds doing this. I knew that the costume department, the hair and makeup department and the director were outstanding. The pale blue costume that I wore honestly nearly made me faint one day, because they made them so historically correct. That one in particular may look all pretty and powdery, but I was playing a scene sitting down with our lovely foppish character, and he said, "Hannah, are you OK? The blood's just drained straight from your face." I joked, "Well, I'm not standing. I'm already sitting down, so I'm sure I'll be fine," and then I keeled over to the left. They had to cut swathes of material out of it to take some of the weight off my spine.

What would you miss about playing Rebecca Welton if the third season of _Ted Lasso_ is its last? My heart feels heavy just thinking about it. It's unfathomable to me because, as I was saying to somebody the other day, I will see all my fellow castmates for the rest of our lives but if I stop [playing Rebecca], I'll never see *her* again. I find it very difficult because she and I have helped each other out over the last few years. She's been a great focus to

Would you say that this is a more female-skewed version of _Tom Jones_ because we see him through the eyes of all these women? Yes, our director Georgia Parris is extremely clever to have drawn out that side. Really clever, and it's something that I don't think any adaptation has ever done before. She's a staunch feminist herself. It's why I wanted to get involved with this because she assured me that it wouldn't be a generic retelling.

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me at certain times, and I take very seriously her age, where she is in her life, the responsibility of playing somebody who is childless and who desperately doesn't want to be that way. I take responsibility not just as a woman but as a human being that finds themselves divorced. I find the responsibility of portraying somebody that a man and a woman could watch and go, "Yeah, I've lived that and it's OK."

Would you say Rebecca is a little softer in season three and a little more approachable? Yes, as Ted would say, her fences have come down, but they'll go up again. Wait.

In real life, are you into football or, as we Americans call it, soccer? I couldn't be less into football. My two greatest acting achievements are making anyone think I know anything about football and making anyone think that those season one biscuits tasted nice.

You had an entire career, including a season on *Game of Thrones*, before *Ted Lasso* brought you "overnight" fame. What has that been like? I think the biggest thing is I can't walk down the street here in New York without being stopped every two seconds. I don't think I would have been able to cope with that had I not been the age I am, with the experience I have, and it doesn't go to my head because I know that I've worked hard, and I know that I am just extremely lucky to be in a beautifully crafted show. I was very much right place, right time. I think if it happened to a 20-year-old, it might go to their head and they would think this is normal, but like you say, an overnight success after 23 years, it's in safe hands.

Your *Tom Jones* cast members talked about how you break into song on set. Do you miss your theater days and singing? I do miss it. It's my life's blood, undeniably. But I'm very pleased where my career is going at the moment.

Can you share what your next project is? I shot *The Fall Guy* in Australia with Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt. That was great fun. Again, a very different character for me. I like taking things, as I did in theater, that stretch me and I'm almost unrecognizable in *The Fall Guy*. P

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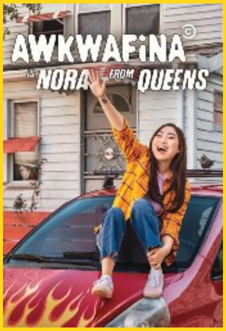
AWKWAFINA IS NORA FROM QUEENS

(APRIL 26 ON COMEDY CENTRAL)

Nora Lum (**Awkwafina**) is really, really, really trying to be an adult this time around as she explores themes of identity and success in season 3, and the results speak for themselves. The series was inspired by the *Crazy Rich Asians* star's real-life upbringing. In it, the fictionalized version of Nora navigates young adulthood in Flushing, N.Y., with help from her dad (BD Wong), her grandmother (Lori Tan Chinn) and her cousin Edmund (Bowen Yang).



Jennifer Esposito will be joining season 3 in a recurring role, along with an impressive list of guest stars including Michael Bolton, Janeane Garafalo, Gina Gershon, Ken Jeong, Frankie Muniz, and Jai Rodriguez among others.

"We're doing all kinds of things this season," says Awkwafina, 34, who will make her directorial debut. "It could be our last season, so in that way, we really wanted to end it in a place that would make people feel good."

ARE YOU THERE GOD? IT'S ME, MARGARET

(APRIL 28 IN THEATERS)

Kathy Bates, 74, gets grandmotherly in the movie interpretation of Judy Blume's beloved book. It stars **Abby Ryder Fortson** as 11-year-old Margaret, who, after a move from New York to New Jersey, has to rely on her mother, Barbara (Rachel McAdams), and her adoring grandmother, Sylvia (Bates), to help her survive all the drama of puberty. Here are some fun facts about the Oscar winner.

- As a struggling actor, she worked as a singing waitress at a Catskills restaurant.

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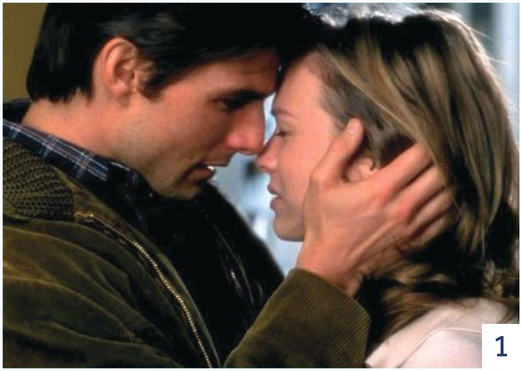
- Bates made her Broadway debut in 1980 in *Goodbye Fidel*.
- She has directed several critically acclaimed TV series, including *NYPD Blue*, *Homicide: Life on the Street*, *Six Feet Under*, *Oz* and *Everwood*.
- She played an attorney in *Harry's Law*, and she's been cast as one again in the CBS pilot reboot of the gender-swapped *Matlock*, taking over the role made famous by Andy Griffith.
- Her Oscar-winning role as Annie Wilkes in *Misery* was ranked No. 17 on the villain side of the American Film Institute's "100 Years…100 Heroes and Villains" list.
- She was the first woman to win an Academy Award for Best Actress in a horror film—and the *only* actor to ever win for a Stephen King movie.

Are you a fan of Judy Blume? Go to ***Parade.com/blume*** for more.

Parade Quiz

CAN YOU NAME IT?

There are some quotes that you immediately associate with a certain character, show or movie. Take, for example, "I'm gonna make him an offer he can't refuse," "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn" or "Nobody puts Baby in a corner." (*The Godfather*, *Gone With the Wind* and *Dirty Dancing*, of course.) If you knew those, get ready to tackle the "Famous Quote" edition of our *Can You Name It?* quiz. Match the photo of the movie or show with the quote. **Answers are on page 18.**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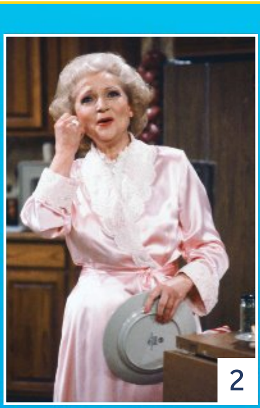
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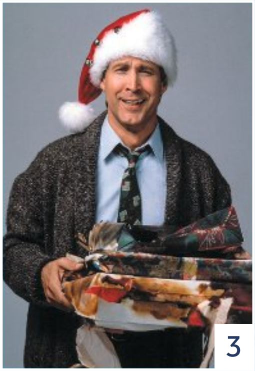
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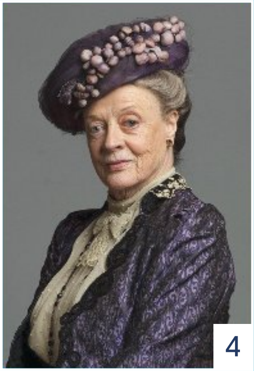
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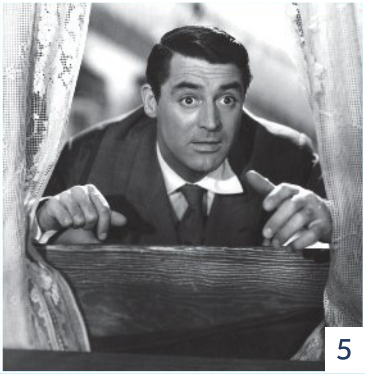
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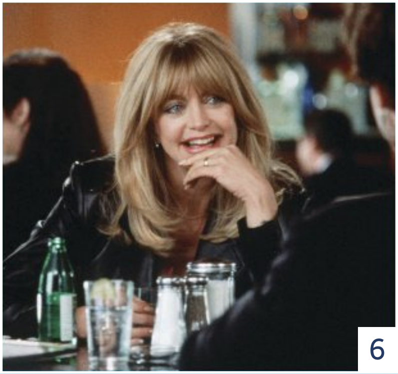
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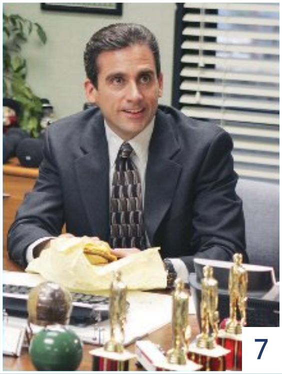
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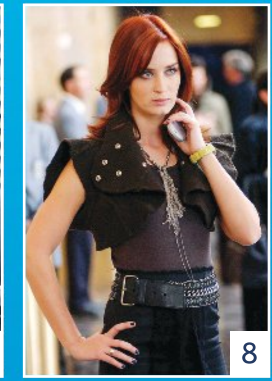
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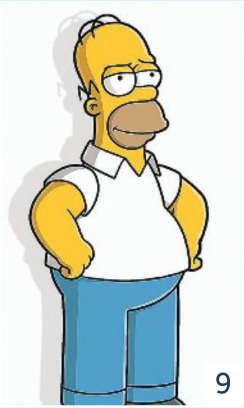
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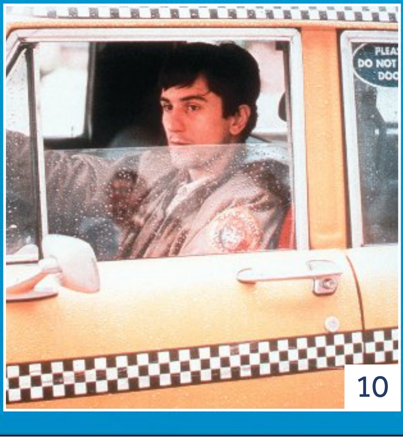
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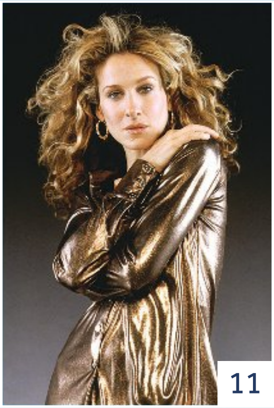
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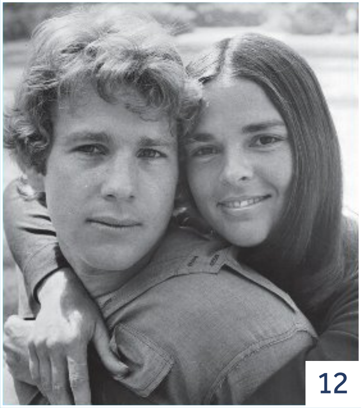
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A.
"I'M NOT SUPERSTITIOUS, BUT I'M A LITTLE STITIOUS."

B. "Insanity runs in my family. It practically gallops."

C.
"YOU TALKIN' TO ME?"

D.
"YOU HAD ME AT 'HELLO.'"

E.
"I'm just one stomach flu away from my goal weight."

F.
"MY MOTHER ALWAYS USED TO SAY: 'THE OLDER YOU GET, THE BETTER YOU GET. UNLESS YOU'RE A BANANA.'"

G. "If I woke up tomorrow with my head sewn to the carpet, I wouldn't be more surprised than I am right now."

H. "There's nothing simpler than avoiding people you don't like. Avoiding one's friends—that's the real test."

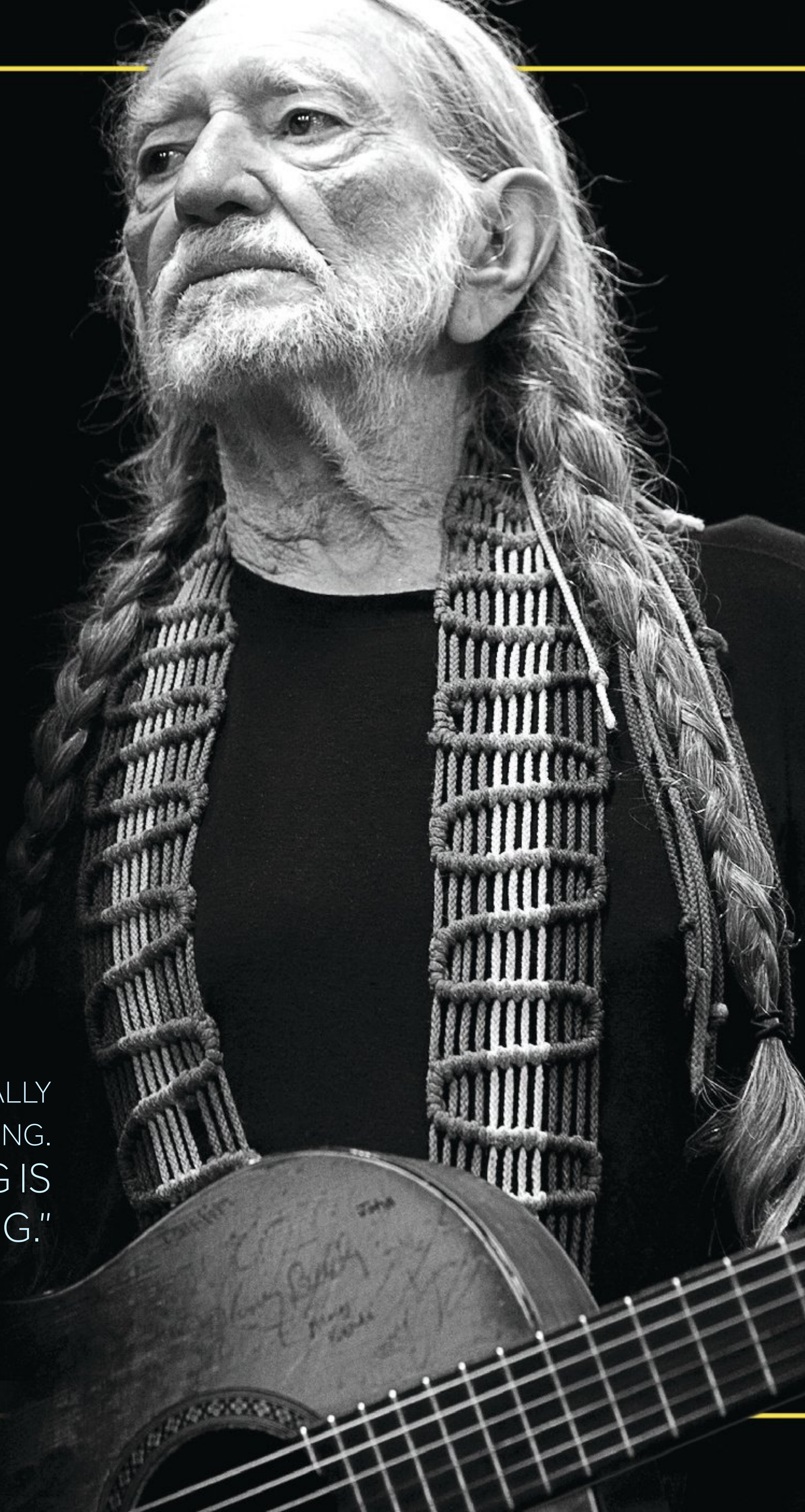
I.
"There are only three ages for a woman in Hollywood: babe, district attorney and *Driving Miss Daisy*."

J.
"LOVE MEANS NEVER HAVING TO SAY YOU'RE SORRY."

K.
"TRYING IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD FAILURE."

L.
"I like my money right where I can see it: hanging in my closet."

On the Road Again



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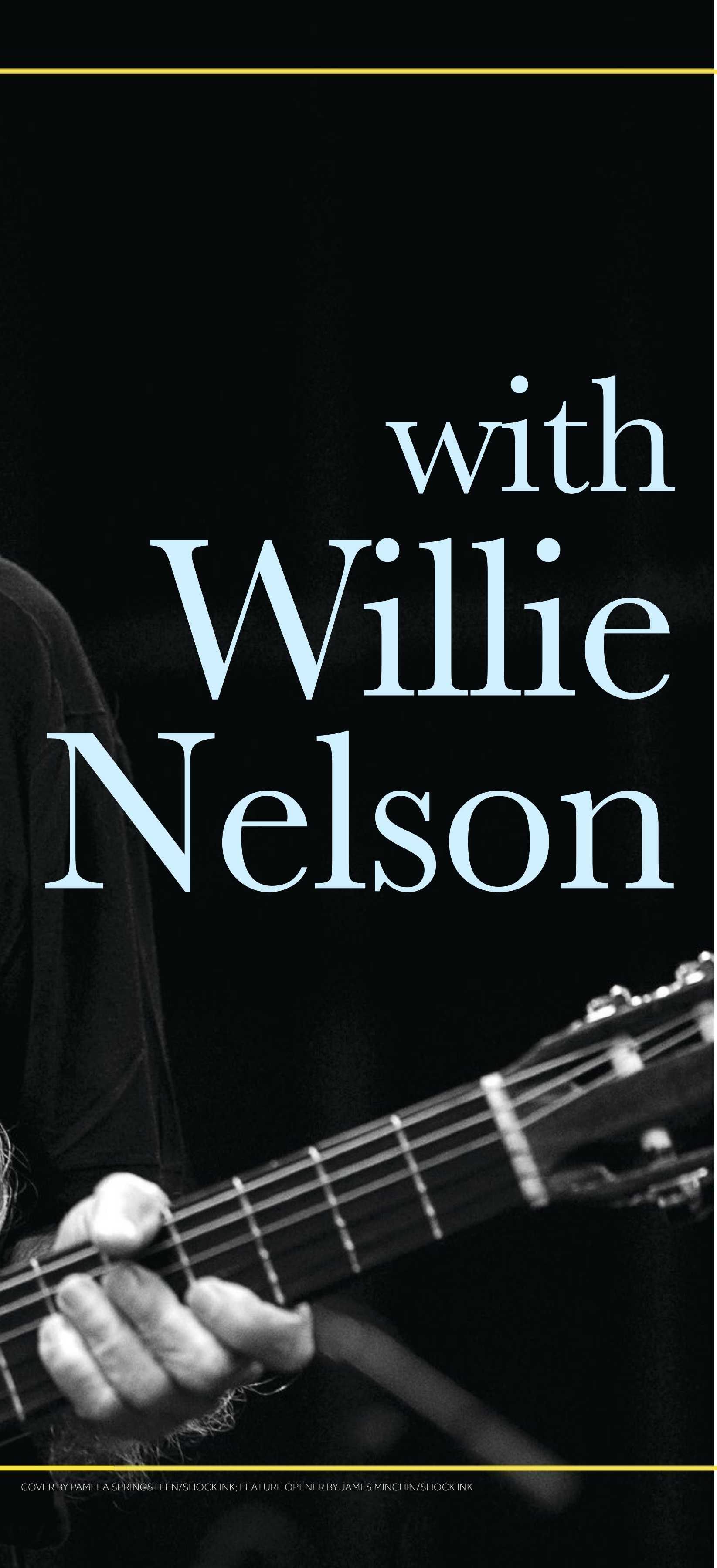

with Willie Nelson

Never one to sit still long, the singer-songwriter takes a moment to tell *Parade* about his new tour, turning 90 and the stories behind some of his favorite songs. **BY JIM FARBER**

Willie Nelson has a simple motto that speaks volumes about the life he's leading right now. "You have to do something every day to pay for the day," he says. "You need to run, walk, swim, sing; whatever it is that's important to you, you have to do it and then see how long you can keep doing it."

If anything, Nelson has overperformed on that philosophy of late. At the moment, he doesn't just have one thing going on that gives him a sense of purpose, he seemingly has 100. In the months leading up to the day when he'll hit the great age of 90—April 29—Nelson picked up another two Grammy awards, including one for a song cheekily titled "Live Forever." He also finished recording an album that will bring his studio work to a staggering 100 releases, 14 of which he created in the last decade alone. He also found out that he was nominated to be inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in a ceremony to be held in New York later this year. And he made good on one of his most famous song titles, "On the Road Again," by kicking off a new tour that will take him straight through the summer in a schedule packed enough to exhaust someone half his age.

Then there's the jewel in this crown of honors and events—a pair of concerts to be held over his birthday weekend at the Hollywood Bowl. They will feature more than 30 guest stars including Neil Young, Norah Jones, Miranda Lambert, Tom Jones, Sheryl Crow and an artist who shares Nelson's reputation as one of the world's most famous potheads: Snoop Dog. Still, when the man himself is asked about his big bash, he just shrugs and says, "That was more other people's idea than mine. It's kinda gotten out of hand. I don't know how many people are coming at this point. I just hope to get to sing something with all of them."

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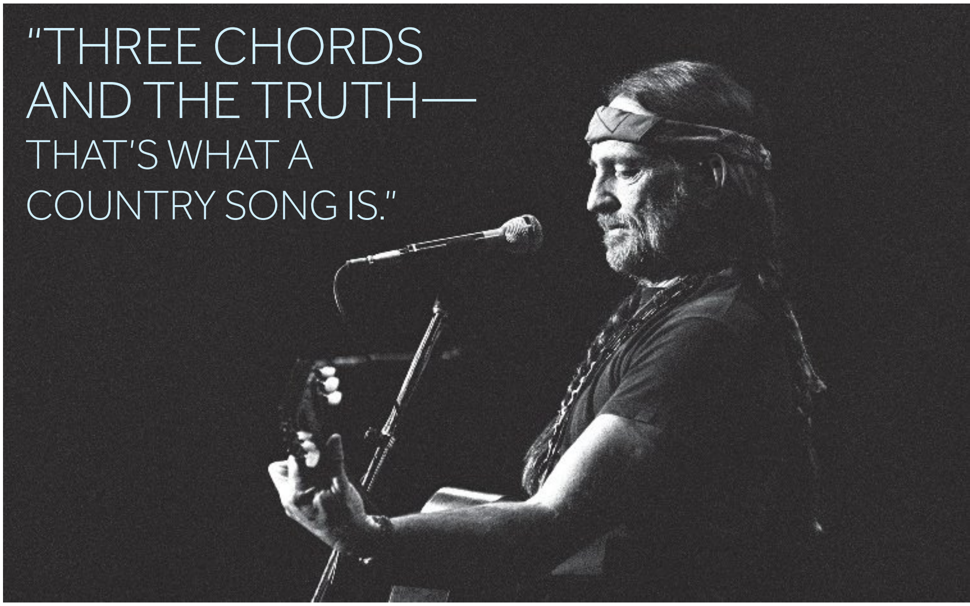
Nelson's eagerness to remain furiously engaged has a physical as well as a psychological reward. "Your lungs are the biggest muscle you have," he says, "so it's healthy for me to sing."

More, he adds, "I get really bored when I'm not working."

To alleviate that, Nelson cut two albums in the last year, one dedicated to bluegrass music, which will come out later in 2023. The other, released last month, honors the work of one of the rare artists who can be considered as accomplished and prolific a songwriter as Nelson—the late country legend Harlan Howard. "His songs are standards," Nelson says. "Something like 'Busted' (which has been recorded by stars from Johnny Cash to Ray Charles)—everybody in the world has heard that one."

A TEENAGE WILLIE


"THREE CHORDS AND THE TRUTH—
THAT'S WHAT A COUNTRY SONG IS."

The two songwriters were also close friends. "When Harlan passed away [in 2002], his family sent me his ashes," Nelson says. "I'd had 'em stored up in a place where I thought they were safe. But then a storm came through and blew 'em all over," Nelson says with a mischievous laugh.

His songs have long displayed a streak of black humor, particularly when it comes to the subject of death. If anything, that has increased in the last decade. In 2018, he wrote the lyric "Heaven is closed and hell's overcrowded/So I think I'll just stay where I am." That same year, he wrote, "I don't want to be the last man standing/On second thought, maybe I do."

Nelson says he often writes about mortality for two reasons: First, it's a meaty subject. Second, he says, "I've had friends come and go over the years. You start to think about what it all means. I'm a believer in reincarnation."

Still, there was a death in the past year that hit Nelson especially hard. His older sister, Bobbie Nelson, with whom he had been exceptionally close since childhood and who played in his band since the early '70s, died at the age of 91. "She was incredible," Nelson says. "I learned a whole lot about what I do just by sitting on the piano stool next to her when I was 7 or 8 years old, trying to do what she's doing and never being able to do it as well as she could. She could read and write music and was a better musician than me."

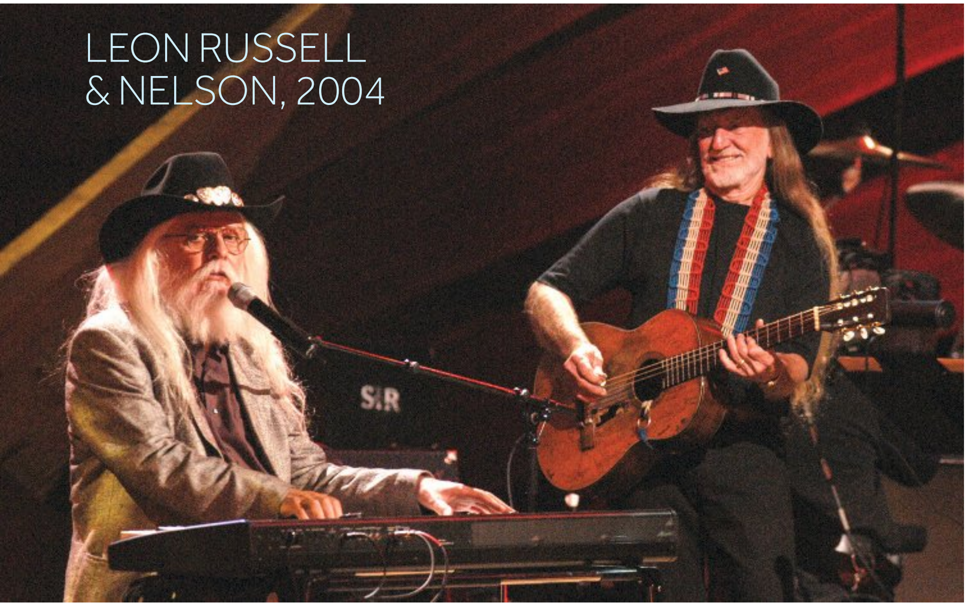
Nelson had his own health scare last year—from COVID. "I almost died," he says, obviously still rattled by the experience. "It's bad stuff."

Yet, two weeks after he recovered, he was on the road, playing outdoor venues to stay safe. Being unable to tour for the major portion of the pandemic was hard on all musicians but for Nelson it was sheer torture. He longed so hard to return to the road that at times he would look longingly at his tour bus sidelined at his home near Austin. "I'd go out there and sit on it sometimes," he says. "It's where I feel comfortable."

Nelson's lifelong dedication to work

FROM LEFT: MONDADORI PORTFOLIO/ARCHIVIO GBB/EVERETT; JAY DICKMAN/CORBIS/CORBIS VIA GETTY IMAGES

doesn't just explain his creative longevity but also how he broke through in the first place. Born during the Great Depression in 1933, Nelson had been writing songs since he was 10 and peddling them since he was a teenager. Still, he didn't get any real exposure of his work until his 30s, initially through cover versions of his compositions by well-established stars like Roy Orbison, Patsy Cline and Ray Price. He didn't become a superstar—as a performer in his own right, as well as a presence beyond the country music world—until he was in his 40s, starting with albums like "Red Headed Stranger" in 1975. "Honestly, I wondered what the hell kept it from happening so long!" he says, with a laugh.


LEON RUSSELL
& NELSON, 2004

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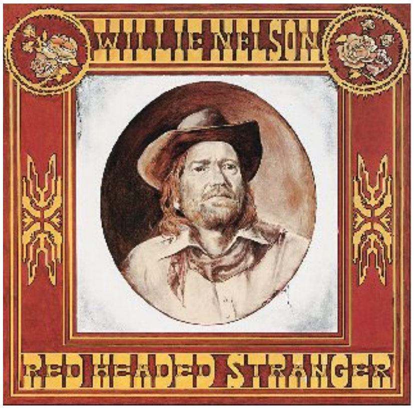
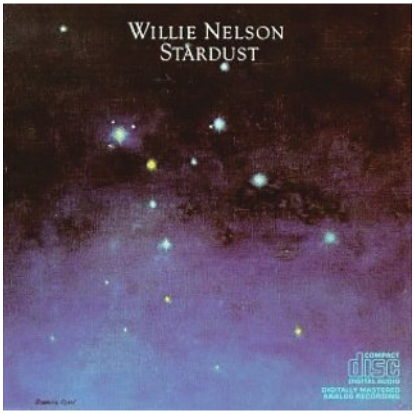
The fact that he never stuck to one genre helped Nelson establish, and maintain, an incredibly broad audience over the years. His top-selling album, "Stardust," in 1978, was a collection of standards featuring classics by writers like Irving Berlin and George Gershwin. "I've sung practically every kind of thing," Nelson says. "A good song is a good song."

His connection to the rock 'n' roll sensibility, and, thus, to its mass audience, got a major boost from his friendship with the late Leon Russell. Leon was the one who helped inspire Nelson to hone his outlaw character, a persona that both expressed his dislike for the conventions of the Nashville music scene and dovetailed perfectly with rock 'n' roll's rebellious nature. The two stars even recorded an album together in 1979, "One for The Road" that went gold. "Leon was incredibly important to me," Nelson says. "He was the best entertainer I'd ever seen. He was also the first guy I ever saw throw his hat to the audience. I stole that idea from him right away!"

Despite the connection, Nelson was surprised when he was told he was nominated to be inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. "It knocks me out," he says. "That they even know who I am is fantastic to me."

His possible entry into the Hall will be the final triumph in this momentous, 90th year. At the same time, Nelson says his age in no way intimidates him. "Norman Lear is a good friend of mine and he just turned 100," Nelson points out. "I was telling him, 'Norman, I heard that age ain't nothing but a number, am I right?' He said, 'Yeah, it's just that.' And that's good enough for me."

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"I'll be one of the oldest bastards out there," Nelson adds with a cackle. "But as long as people keep showing up, so will I."

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THE STORIES BEHIND THE SONGS

In his long career (with 56 Grammy nominations and 12 wins), **Willie Nelson** has either written, or co-written, more than 300 songs. Some of the tracks he's best known for he didn't write, including "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain" and "Whiskey River" (which always opens his concerts). But many more of his classics came from his own pen. Here are the stories behind half a dozen of his most indelible creations.

"CRAZY"

The beauty of Nelson's "Crazy" may seem obvious now. But he initially had trouble finding anyone to sing it due to the complexity of its melody. Even Patsy Cline, who would make it iconic, initially wasn't hot on Nelson's compositions, having earlier rejected his song "Night Life." It was Cline's husband, Charlie Dick, who connected her to "Crazy."

PATSY CLINE

"Charlie heard me singing [a demo] of the song on the jukebox at Tootsie's [a famous lounge] in Nashville," Nelson recalls. The songwriter had been drinking at the club that night when Dick said to him, "Patsy has got to hear this song. It was about midnight, so I said, 'We can't go over there now,'" Nelson says. "He said, 'Yes we can!' So, we went and woke her up and he had me sing her that song. She cut it the very next day in one take."

The origin of the song's connection to Cline on a jukebox wound up becoming prophetic. Her version of "Crazy" wound up becoming the most popular jukebox selection of all time.

AL GREEN & NELSON, 2003

"FUNNY HOW TIME SLIPS AWAY" AND "NIGHT LIFE"

Nelson may be known for writing fast, but he never experienced a more furious, or inspired, frenzy of creativity than during a single week in 1960. In that tight time frame, he wrote "Funny How Time Slips Away" and "Night Life," as well as "Crazy." "I wrote 'em all on a drive from Austin to Nashville," he remembers. "I just got on a kick. I've always noticed that when I'm out driving on the highway, I get my mind cleared and the writing becomes easy. I just have to hope I can remember it until I get home!"

"Funny" stands out in Nelson's catalogue for its R&B groove. "There's definitely blues in there," he says. Small wonder the star, who had the biggest hit with it was soul legend Al Green, who took it to No. 10 in 1973. The Spinners also cut a take that made waves on the soul chart. The tune in "Night Life" also attracted important R&B artists. Though it first became a hit for country star Ray Price in 1963, it later became a signature song for B.B. King and a cherished cover by both Marvin Gaye and Aretha Franklin. In all, more than 100 artists have recorded the song, though Nelson got almost nothing from the publishing. During a flat-broke period in his life, he sold it to musician Paul Buskirk for $150.

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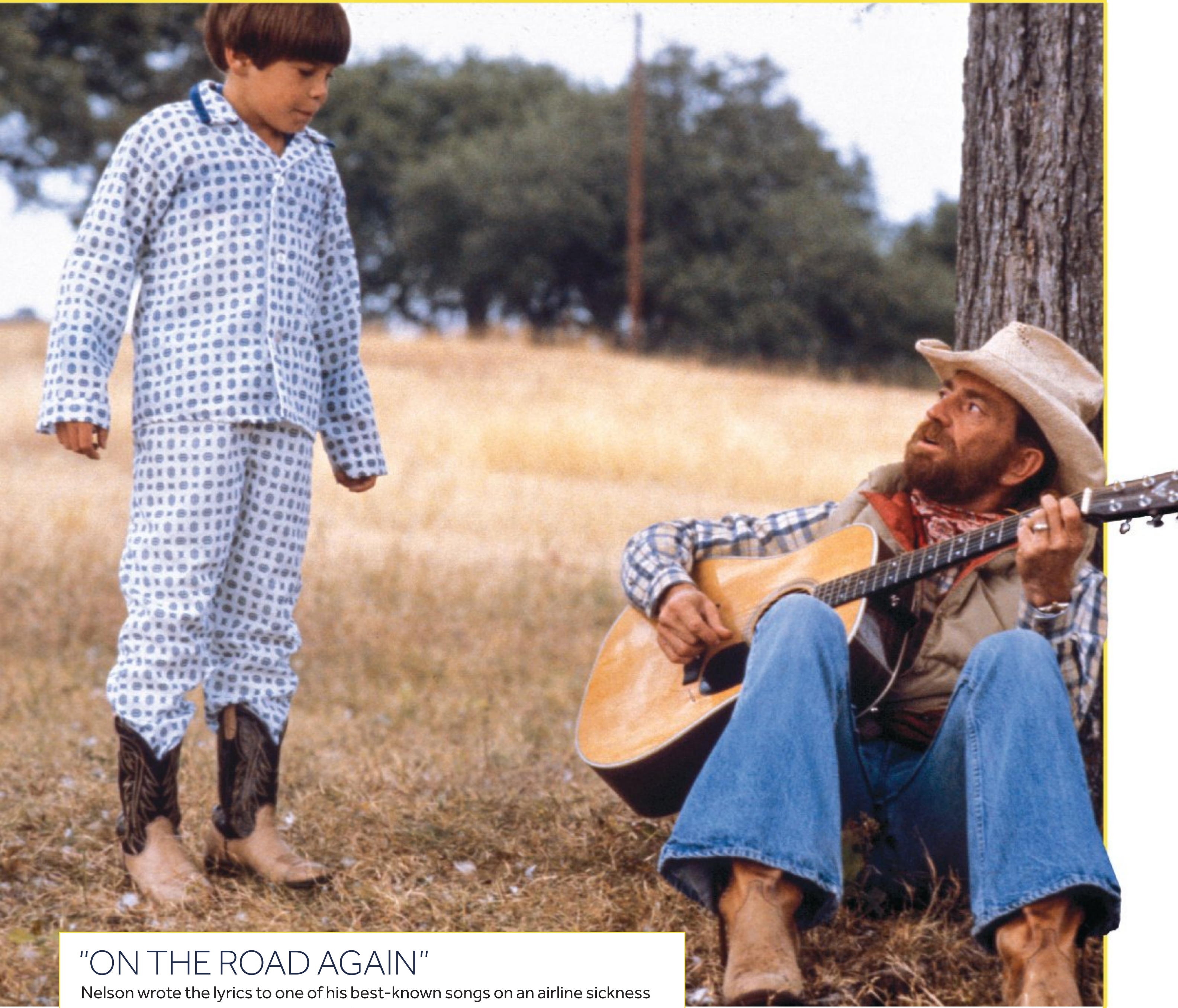

JOEY FLOYD & NELSON IN *HONEYSUCKLE ROSE*, 1980

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"ON THE ROAD AGAIN"

Nelson wrote the lyrics to one of his best-known songs on an airline sickness bag. He was on a plane with director Sydney Pollack, who produced the 1980 movie *Honeysuckle Rose*, in which Nelson starred, when Pollack asked him to write something for the project. He suggested making it a road song and Nelson wrote the resulting lyrics in minutes. He didn't come up with the music until months later, however. "I saw no reason to write a melody to something I wasn't ready to record," he wrote in his 1988 memoir, *Willie*. "I knew I wouldn't have any problem pulling the melody out of the air."

The result became a No. 1 country smash, a Top 20 pop hit and was nominated for a Best Song Oscar, though it lost to Irene Cara's "Fame."

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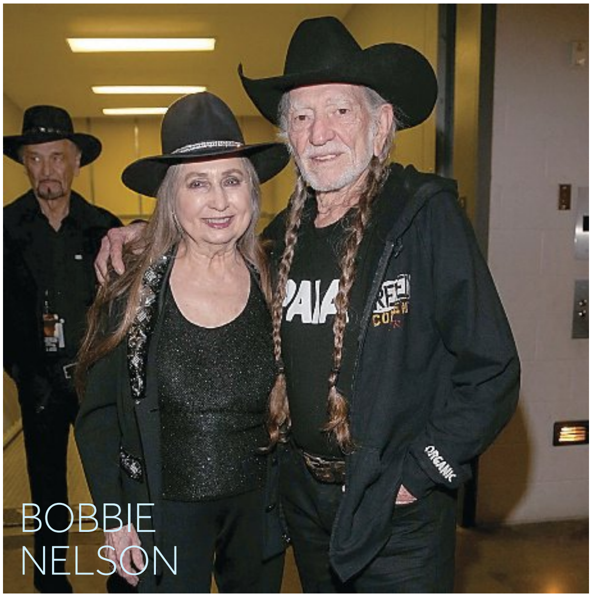
"PRETTY PAPER"

Every great songwriter pines to pen an enduring Christmas song. The one Willie Nelson wrote has resonated deeply enough to be recorded by a host of stars, from Roy Orbison to Glen Campbell to Dolly Parton. In 1963, Nelson was moved to write his holiday ode after witnessing a street vendor named Frankie Brierton selling colorful wrapping paper outside Leonard's Department Store in Fort Worth, Texas. Brierton had been stricken by spinal meningitis as a child and so had to crawl on his hands and knees to hawk his wares. Even so, he kept a positive attitude, which struck Nelson as a perfect embodiment of the holiday spirit. Orbison had the hit with the song, breaking the Top 20 in the U.S. and the Top 10 in the U.K. Nelson himself recorded it twice, first on a 1979 album named for the song, and then in 1997 on a collaborative album with his sister Bobbie, titled *Hill Country Christmas*.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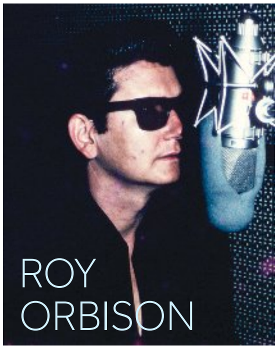
ROY ORBISON

DOLLY PARTON

Music aside, Nelson has been in several movies, including **1. *The Electric Horseman*** (1979) with **Robert Redford**, **2. *Honeysuckle Rose*** (1980) with **Dyan Cannon** and Amy Irving, and **3. *The Dukes of Hazzard*** (2005). He's also played himself in *Swing Vote* (2008), *Zoolander 2* (2016) and many other shows and commercials.

In 1985, Nelson, **Neil Young** and **John Mellencamp** created **4. Farm Aid**—an annual music festival and fundraising effort that supports farmers in America.

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BOB DYLAN & NELSON, 2004

"ANGEL FLYING TOO CLOSE TO THE GROUND"

When *Parade* asked Nelson to name his favorite songs among all that he's written, he singled out two: "On the Road Again" and "Angel Flying Too Close to the Ground." "They feel good to sing," he says. "I look forward to doing those more than any others."

The latter has special meaning to him due to its pained lyrics, which chronicle a great loss of either love or life. At times, Nelson has pointedly used the song to express the latter. In various live shows, he has dedicated it to his son, Billy, who committed suicide in 1991. In fact, the song was written 10 years earlier for the *Honeysuckle Rose* movie soundtrack. It went on to become a No. 1 country hit, inspiring no less a bard than Bob Dylan to record his own version two years later.

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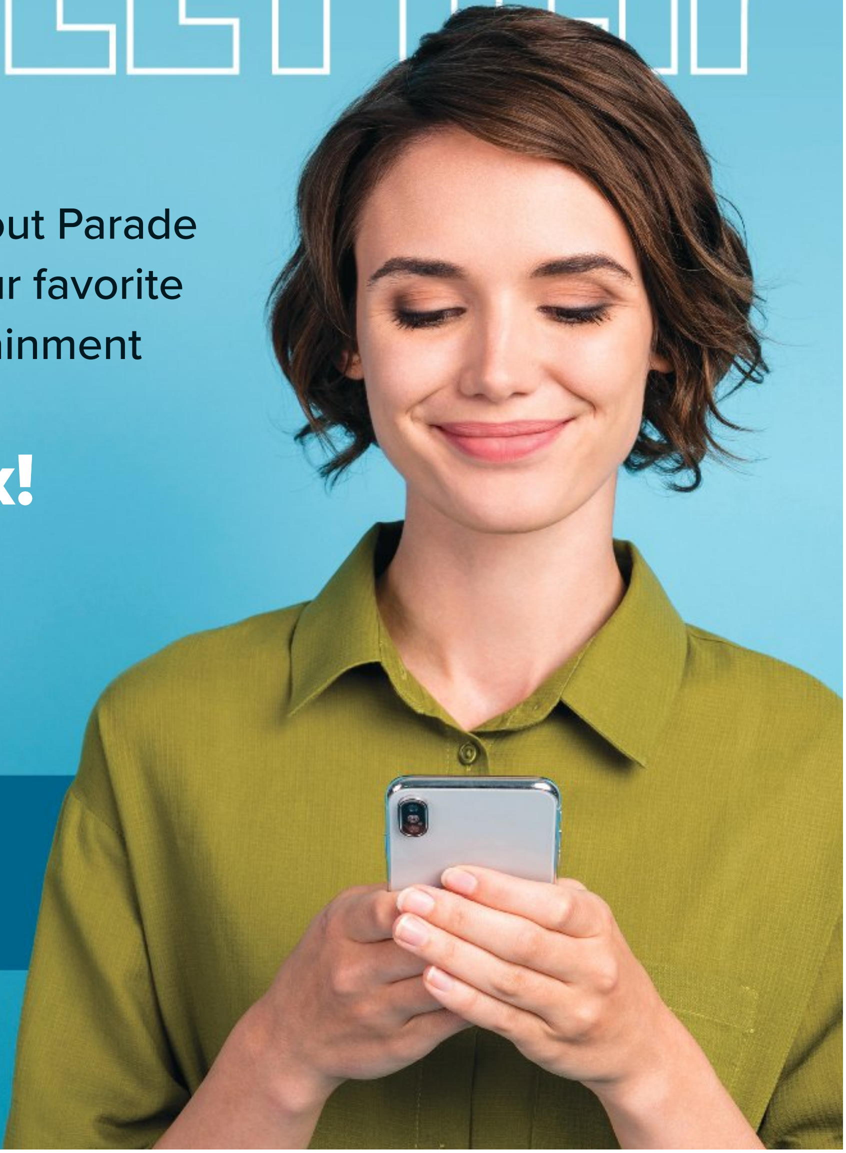

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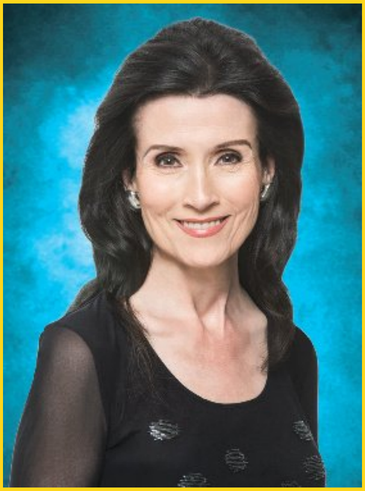

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With all of the fine veterinary care, nutritious diets, routine exercise and so much love and companionship, why is it that the life expectancy of our feline and canine friends is not rising? Or is it?

—Sarah Parisi, Auburn, New York

Our beloved pets are indeed living longer due to the factors you mention and more. But this may not be noticeable because their life spans are so short compared to ours. Yet we humans and our pets are similar this way: Our life expectancies are increasing, but our life spans are not. This means that the outer limits of our own and our animal friends' life cycles have remained the same, but we are all more likely to get closer to reaching that limit.

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THE SQUARE PUZZLE

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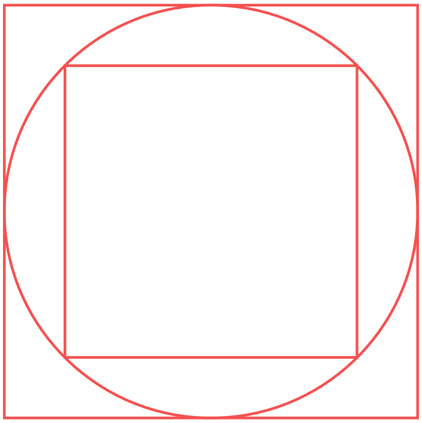
—Martin Gardner, Hendersonville, N.C.



Find solutions to Marilyn's puzzles and this week's Numbrix on the next page!

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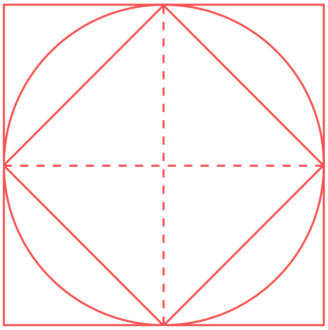

THE SQUARE PUZZLE

The answer to the question is 5 square inches, which you can discover using only insight and no math at all. How to do it? When we mentally rotate the inner square inside the circle, we can see that it occupies exactly half of each of the four parts that make up the entire outer square! Half of 10 square inches = 5 square inches.

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CAN YOU NAME IT? (QUIZ FROM P. 6)

1. **D.** "You had me at 'hello,'" is the simple, emotional line that Dorothy (Renée Zellweger) delivers to Jerry (Tom Cruise) after he's given a long, passionate love speech in *Jerry Maguire*.

2. **F.** Who other than Rose (Betty White) in *The Golden Girls* could utter her mother's ridiculous advice— "My mother always used to say: The older you get, the better you get. Unless you're a banana."—with such conviction?

3. **G.** That's Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) expressing his astonishment at the appearance of Cousin Eddie (Randy Quaid) in *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*: "If I woke up tomorrow with my head sewn to the carpet, I wouldn't be more surprised than I am right now."

4. **H.** "There's nothing simpler than avoiding people you don't like. Avoiding one's friends—that's the real test." That was just one of the sharp witticisms uttered by *Downton Abbey*'s acerbic Lady Violet Crawley (Maggie Smith).

5. **B.** That's Mortimer Brewster (Cary Grant) muttering about his family in Frank Capra's outrageously amusing *Arsenic and Old Lace* in 1944: "Insanity runs in my family. It practically gallops."

6. **I.** Aging actress Elise Elliot (Goldie Hahn) tells it like it is in *The First Wives' Club*: "There are only three ages for a woman in Hollywood: babe, district attorney and *Driving Miss Daisy*."

7. **A.** That quote—"I'm not superstitious, but I'm a little stitious."—came from the mouth of word-mangling boss Michael Scott (Steve Carell) in *The Office*.

8. **E.** Always-dieting fashion assistant Emily Charlton (Emily Blunt) was serious about fitting into those Paris fashions when she said, "I'm just one stomach flu away from my goal weight," in *The Devil Wears Prada*.

9. **K.** Slacker-in-chief Homer Simpson shared that bit of wisdom—"Trying is the first step toward failure."—on *The Simpsons*.

10. **C.** Travis Bickle (Robert De Niro) was talking to himself in the mirror when he uttered the famous line "You talkin' to me?" in Martin Scorsese's *Taxi Driver*.

11. **L.** That's clothes horse Carrie Bradshaw (Sarah Jessica Parker) sharing her money-management tips in *Sex and the City*: "I like my money right where I can see it: hanging in my closet."

12. **J.** Of course you got this one! Jenny (Ali MacGraw) said, "Love means never having to say you're sorry," to her beloved, preppy Oliver (Ryan O'Neal) in *Love Story*, the 1970's movie based on the novel by Erich Segal. The line has been celebrated—and ridiculed—for decades.

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